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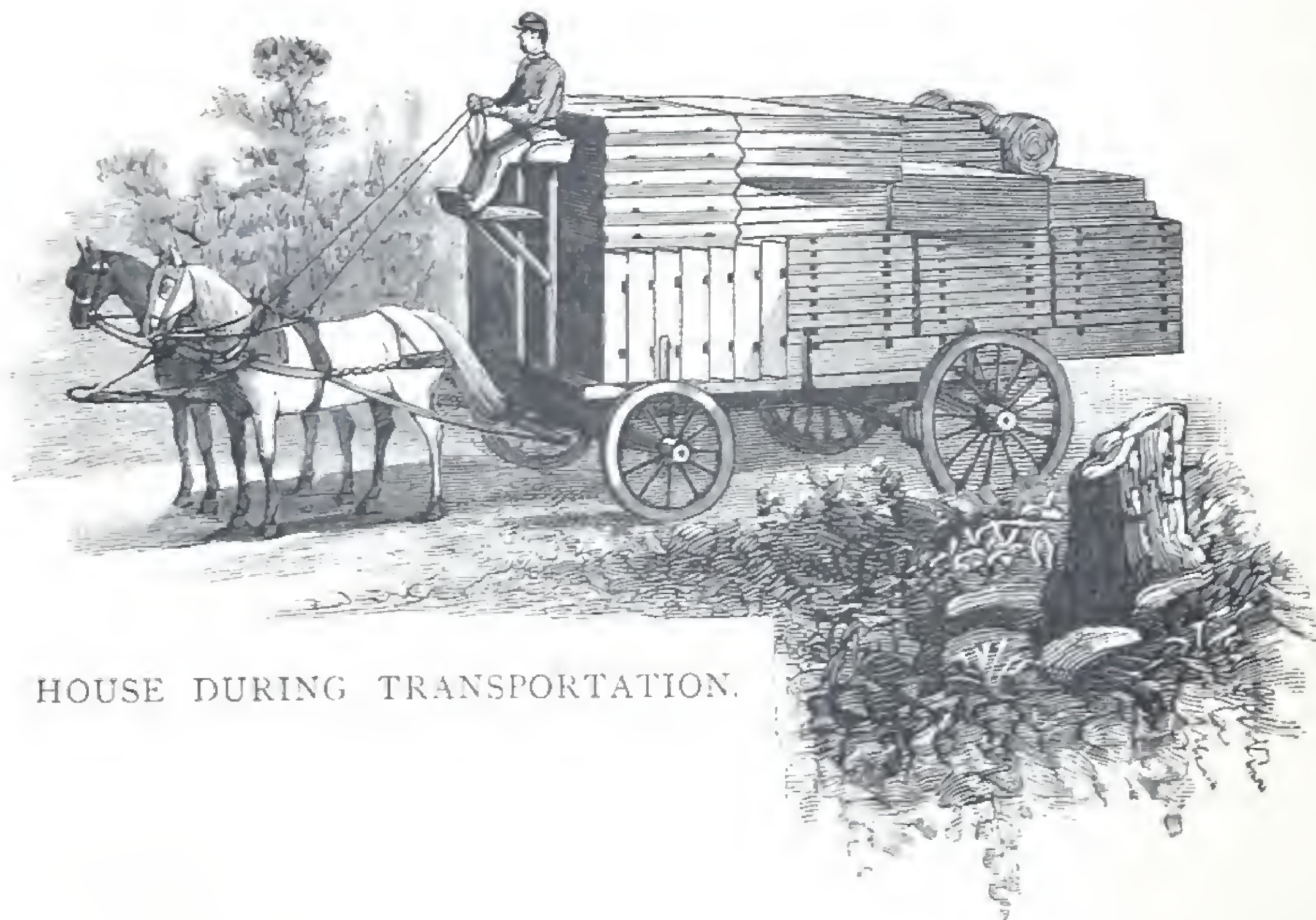
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OFFICES, 30 and 31 ST. SWITHIN'S LANE,

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OUR NEW YORK WAREROOM IS OPPOSITE ASTOR PLACE,

And can be reached by the following lines of cars: Third and Sixth Avenue Elevated Railroads, Third, Fourth, Broadway, Sixth and Seventh Avenue Street Cars, all at Eighth Street.



HOUSE DURING TRANSPORTATION.

THE DUCKER PORTABLE BUILDINGS

ARE light, durable, well ventilated, warm in winter, cool in summer, healthful and cheap. They can be erected and taken down with ease and quickness, and, taking into consideration their size and accommodation, their cost will be found to be less than any other portable building yet invented.

They are built in sections (which open and close) for facility of transportation, and are put up without the use of nails, screws or any external appliance whatever.

Purchasers can erect these houses for themselves by following the simple instructions provided, no skilled labor being required. Two men can erect the building on ordinary ground in two hours. All the parts lock into each other, and all are interchangeable.

The sides are composed of double sections, and are made of strong, light frame work of wood, hinged together, and covered with an indurated fibre, especially prepared for these buildings, a material never affected by atmospheric changes, and thoroughly weather and water-proof.

To each double section there is attached a bed, a table and a chair, while

in the panel over the table there is a glass window sash opening inwardly and a slatted shutter opening outwardly.

During transportation the hinged section is shut together, enclosing several articles, and protecting them from damage.

The ends of the building are also made in sections, and the gable part, with the windows, shutters and ventilators, shut up in the same manner as the side sections.

The ridge pole is divided into parts, and is provided with suitable keys, fitted to each other.

The floor is also made in sections, which key into the sides of the building and into a central longitudinal shaft.

The central longitudinal shaft is provided with registers, and may be used for either hot or cold air, or for disinfecting purposes.

The floor is eight inches above the ground, and dampness is thereby avoided.

Ordinary inequalities of the ground are provided for by adjustable feet attached to the side sections of the floor.

The roof is also made in sections, and is covered with an improved patent roofing, rendering it perfectly fire and water-proof. These sections are placed together and secured by plates which clamp them firmly, and upon the ridge pole is

a cap through which bolts pass to the under side, where they are made fast, thus making a perfect roof, and one that can be put on and taken off in a few minutes.

There are ventilators in each section, two in each gable and also in each shaft, and one through which the warm air from the heating annex enters the building, and with all the doors and windows closed the air is sweet and pure. The facilities for ventilating the building in the summer, and in extremely hot climates, are better than ever shown in a building. The value of ventilation will be appreciated by dwellers in the tropics.

In addition to the main structure there is an annex at each end, one for the heating arrangement for the building, thus passing in warm air from the outside perfectly pure, and the other for an earth closet. The latter is detached from the outside.

A furnished building with the beds and tables folding into the sections, with chairs, can be used as a sleeping room at night, and by simply putting up the beds in their respective places in the wall sections, the sleeping chamber is instantly converted into a clear space, when the table can be laid, the meals served up, and business or amusements carried on.

From their ample manufacturing facilities this Company is in a position to supply buildings, fulfilling any conditions or requirements not provided for in this Catalogue.

All who experience a need for a special portable building may, by communicating with this Company, obtain plans and estimates specially prepared by our architect.

Intending purchasers are particularly requested to note that though the buildings are apparently of light construction, and can be erected with great facility, they are not of frail construction, and therefore liable to be affected by exposure or subject to risks from severe storms.

In this respect the Company confidently appeals to the number of tests their buildings have been subjected to in this country, on the continent of Europe, and in England and the Colonies.

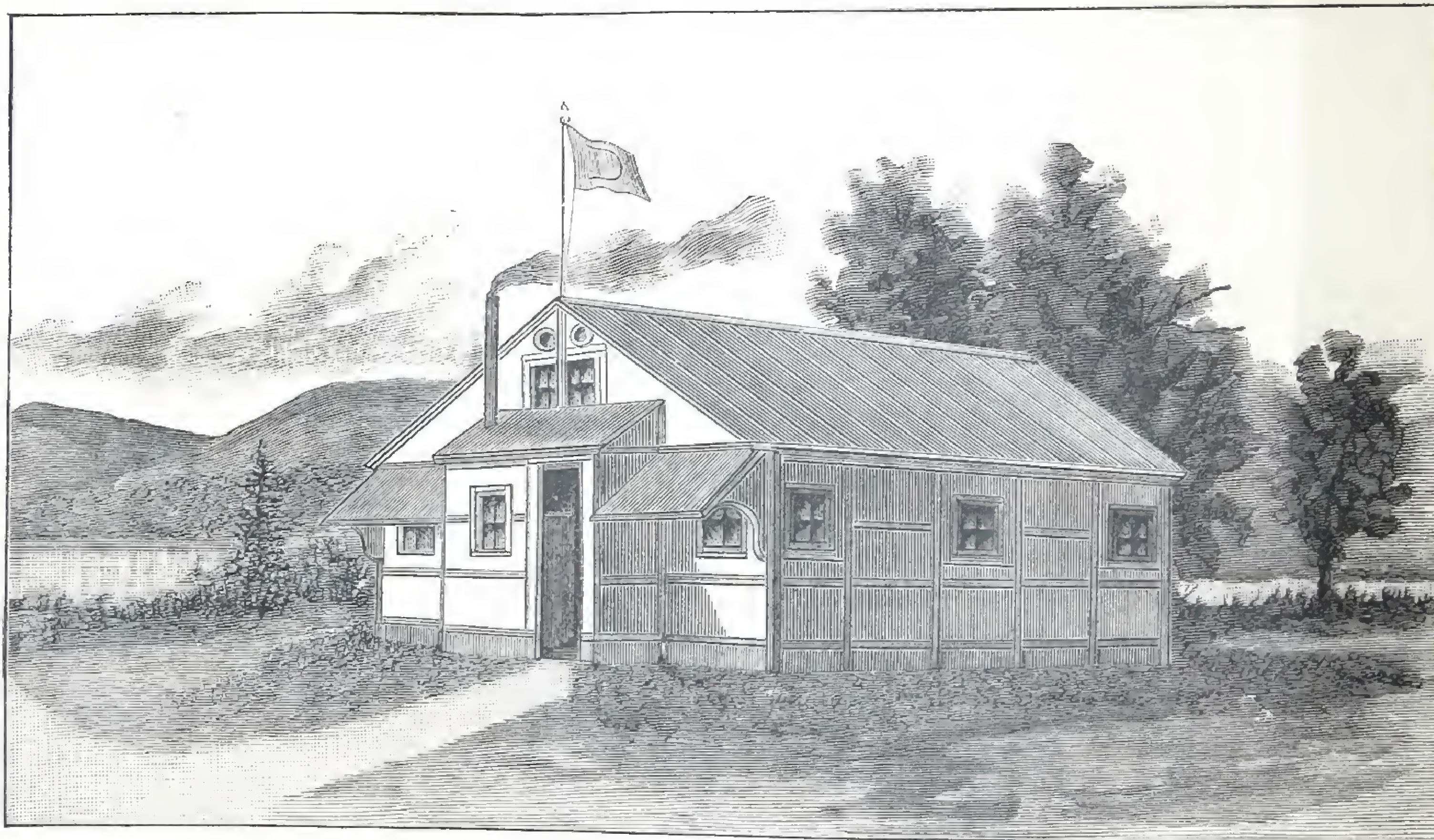
Further, they are able to state, with the exercise of ordinary care and the use of those preservative means demanded by all buildings other than brick and stone, these will be found to possess all the elements for a reasonable permanency.

When not in use they can be stored in a small space, and with being easily transported they are but little liable to injury then or during erection or demolition if only ordinary care be exercised.

CAMPING COTTAGES.

Cuts Nos. 1. and 2 of this Catalogue represent a superior style of Camping Cottage. These buildings are light, and can be easily transported with one horse and truck or cart.

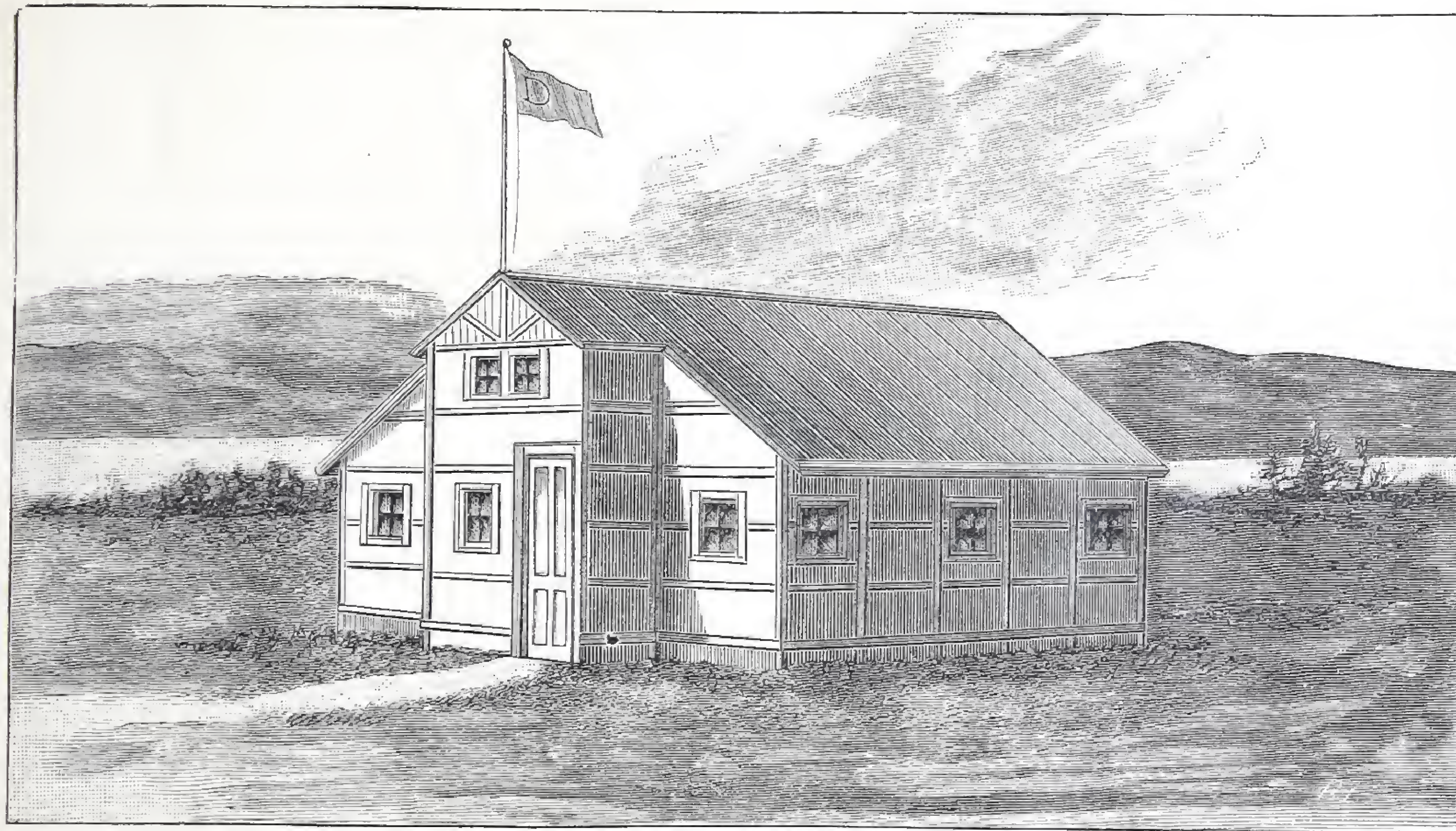
They are simply perfection for a summer vacation in the woods, on the mountains or by the sea shore. Portiere curtains can be used to divide the space into rooms, or adjustable partitions may be provided at a small additional cost. These buildings accommodate six persons each.



Cut No. 1.

CAMPING COTTAGE.

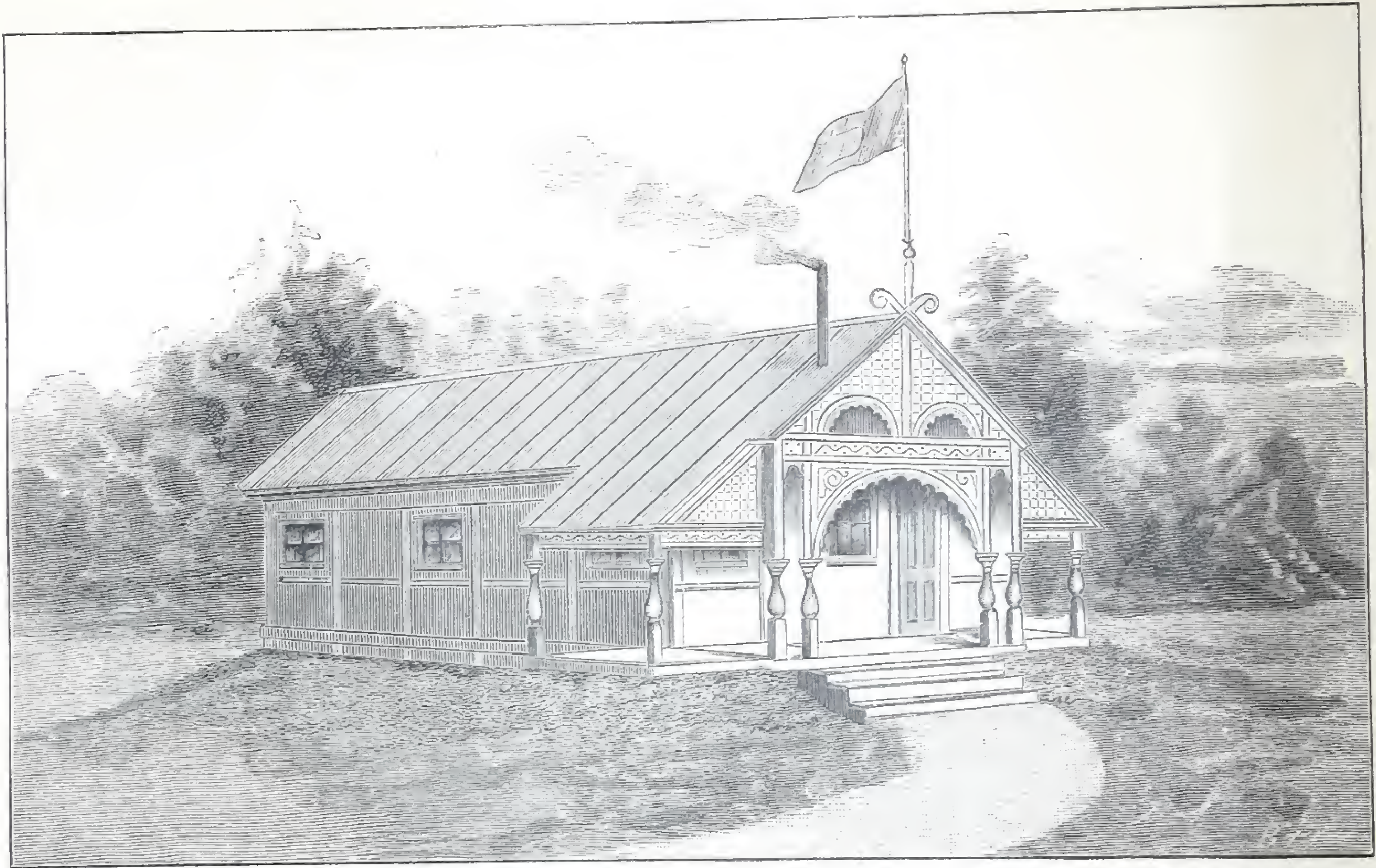
Size, 16x18 feet. Weight, 1,900 pounds. Price, \$350 and upward, according to size and finish.



Cut No. 2.

CAMPING COTTAGE.

Size, 16x18 feet. Weight, 2,000 pounds. Price, \$375 and upward, according to size and finish.



Cut No. 4.

SUMMER COTTAGE.

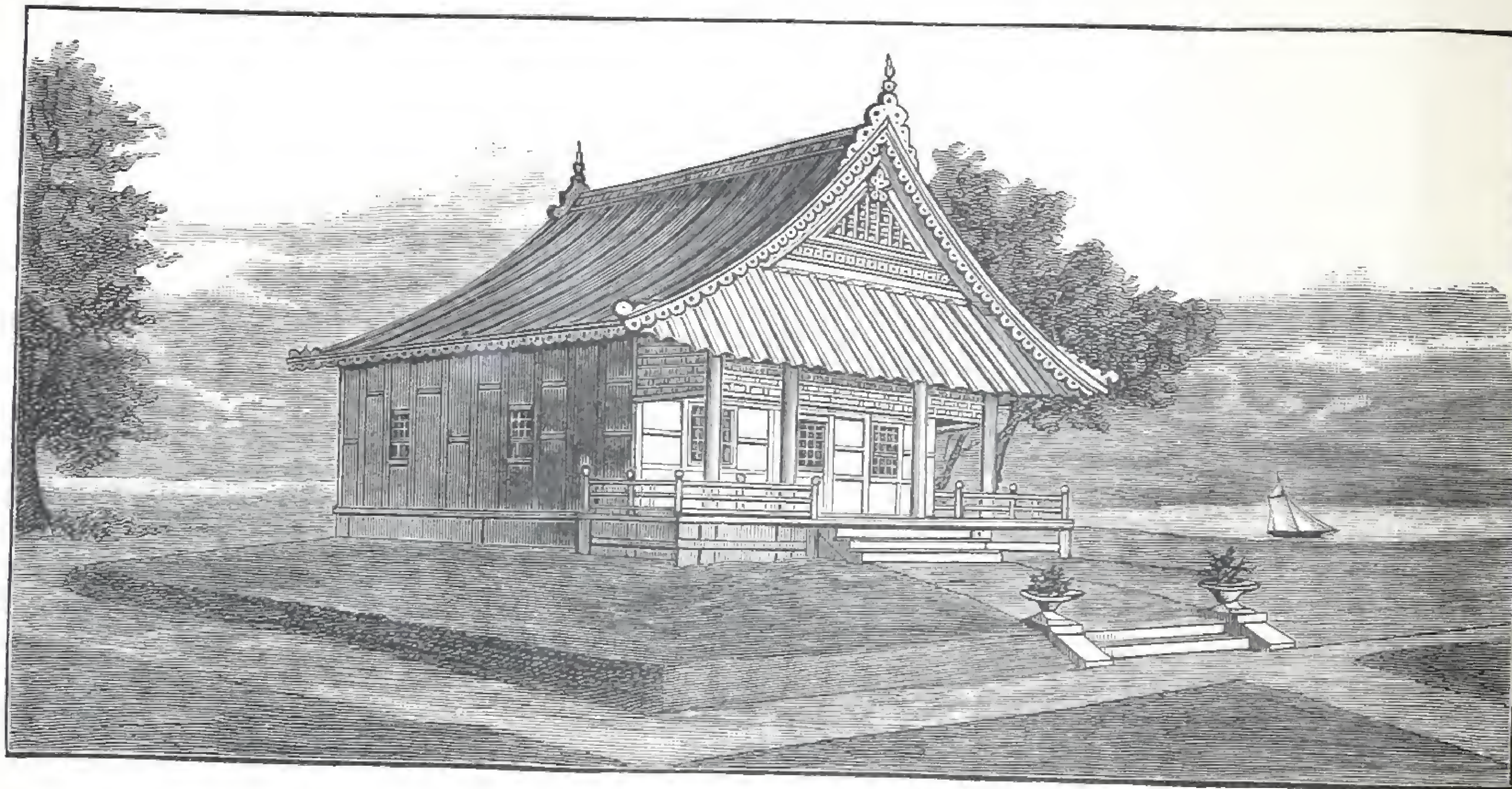
Size, 18x20 feet. Piazza, 6x26 feet. Weight, 2,750 pounds. Price, \$575 and upward, according to size and finish.



Cut No. 5.

SUMMER COTTAGE.

Size, 13x50 feet. Weight, 4,000 pounds. Price, \$750 and upward.



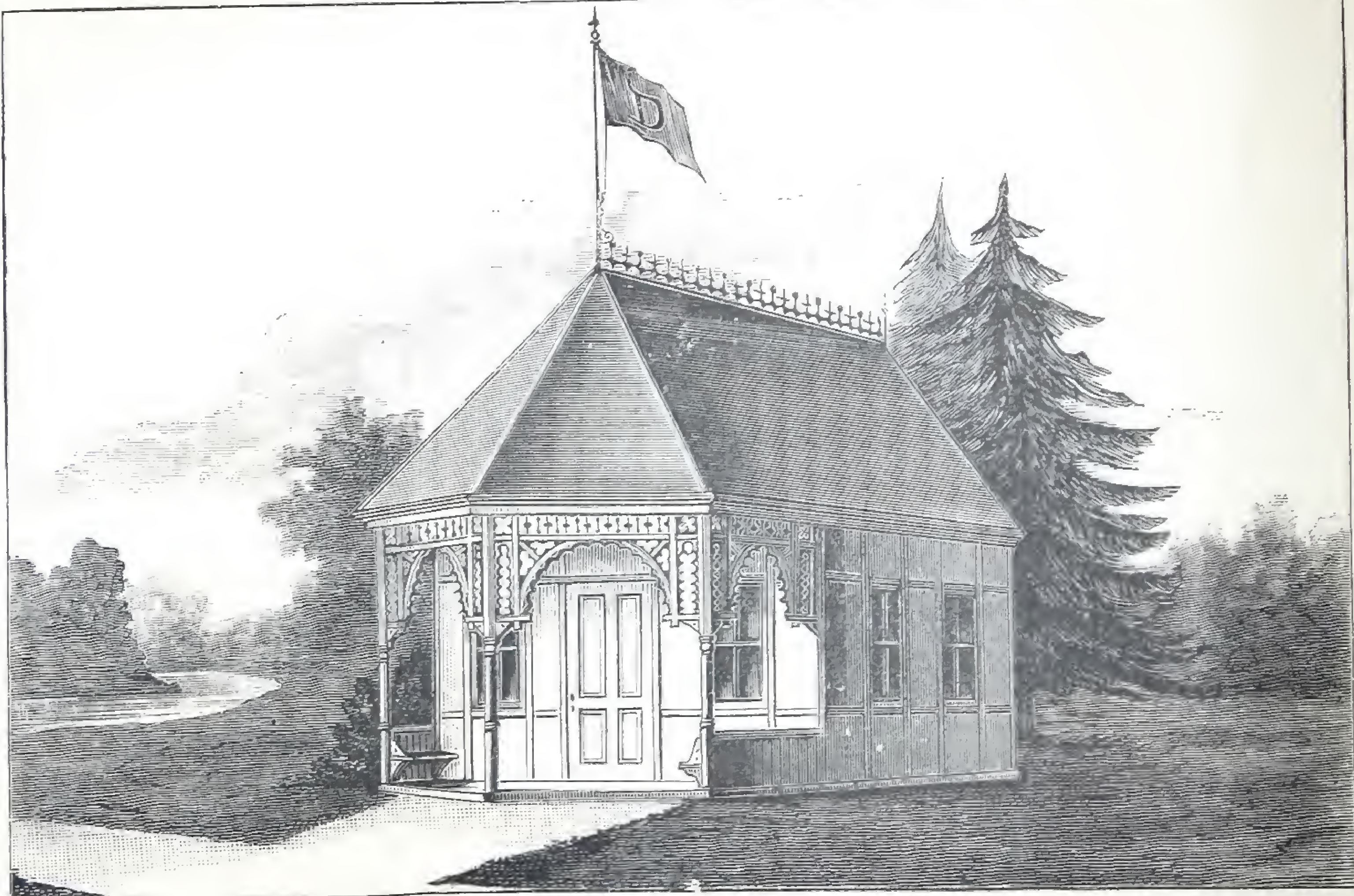
Cut No. 6.

SUMMER COTTAGE.

Size, 18x24 feet. Weight, 5,450 pounds. Price, \$870 and upward

LAWN PAVILIONS.

Cuts Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 are Lawn Pavilions. These houses are intended more especially for use as well as for ornament on the grounds of large summer residences. They are constructed in decidedly artistic style, and will be found useful and delightful for ladies' sewing, reading and painting room, children's play rooms, tea and lunch rooms, tennis purposes, and sleeping rooms as well if required, and for all the numerous purposes and uses that people of leisure will readily find for them.



Cut No. 7.

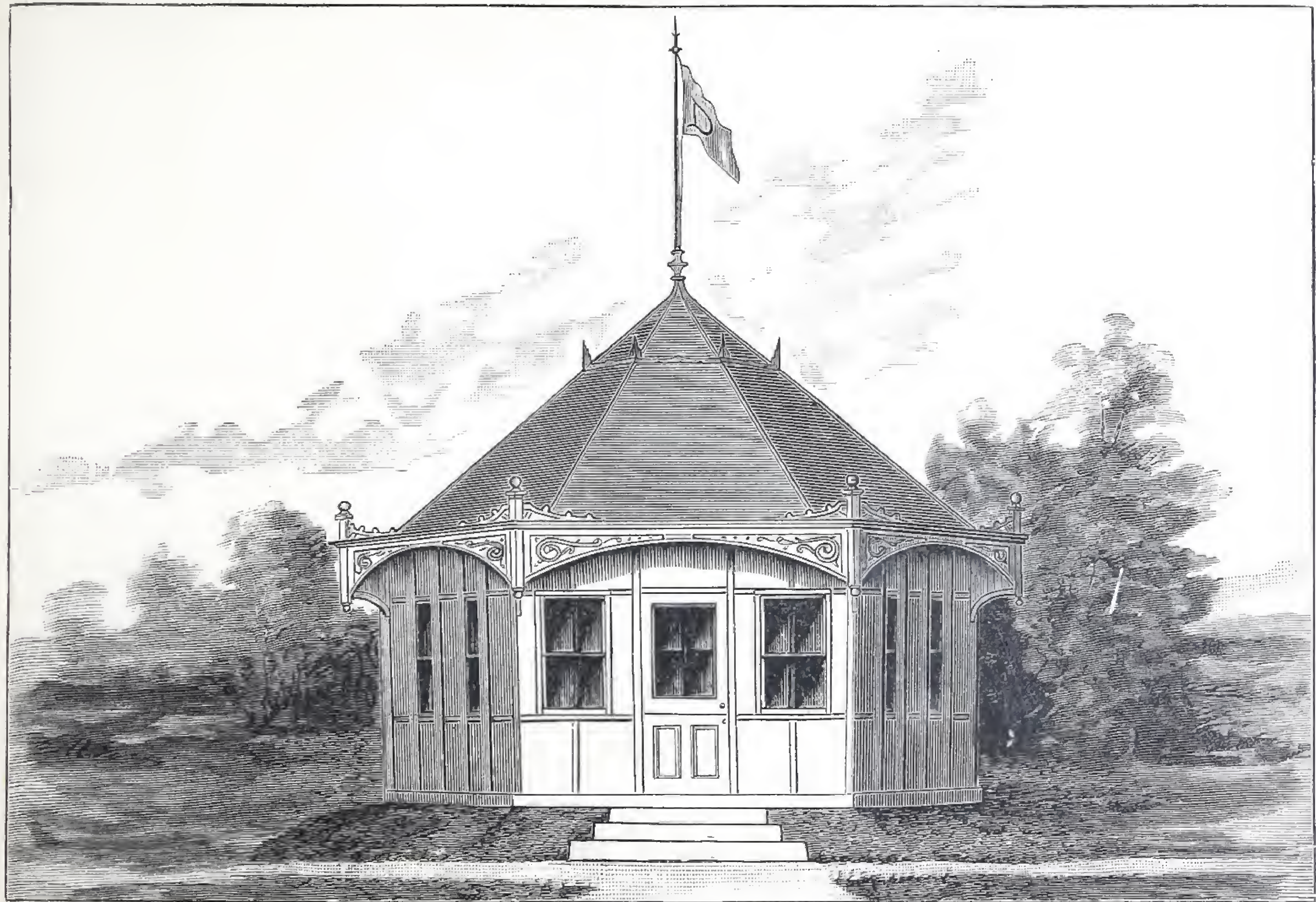
LAWN PAVILION.

Size, 18x18 feet.

Weight, 2,100 pounds.

Price, \$400 and upward.

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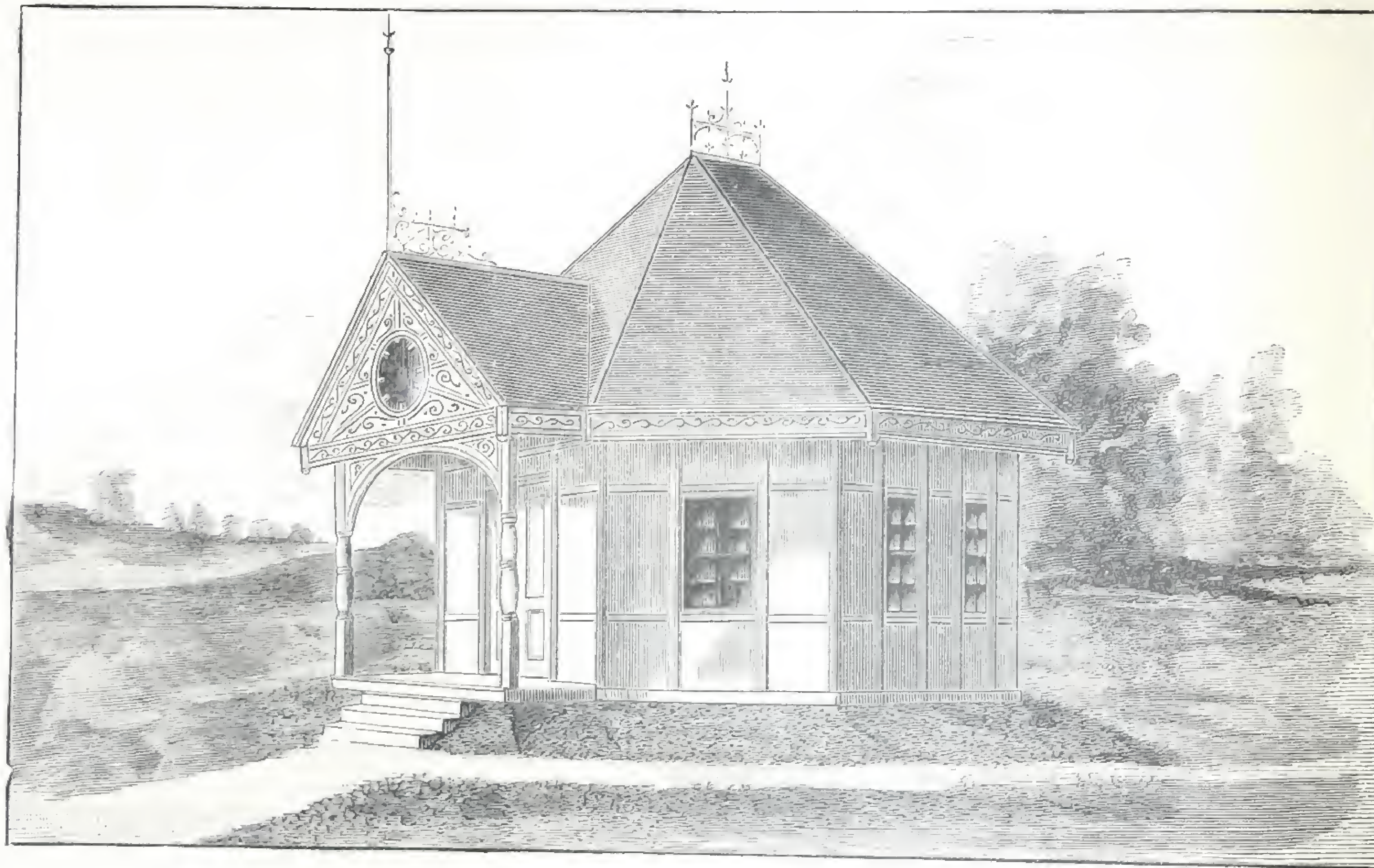
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LAWN PAVILION.

Size, 16x20 feet.

Weight, 2,500 pounds.
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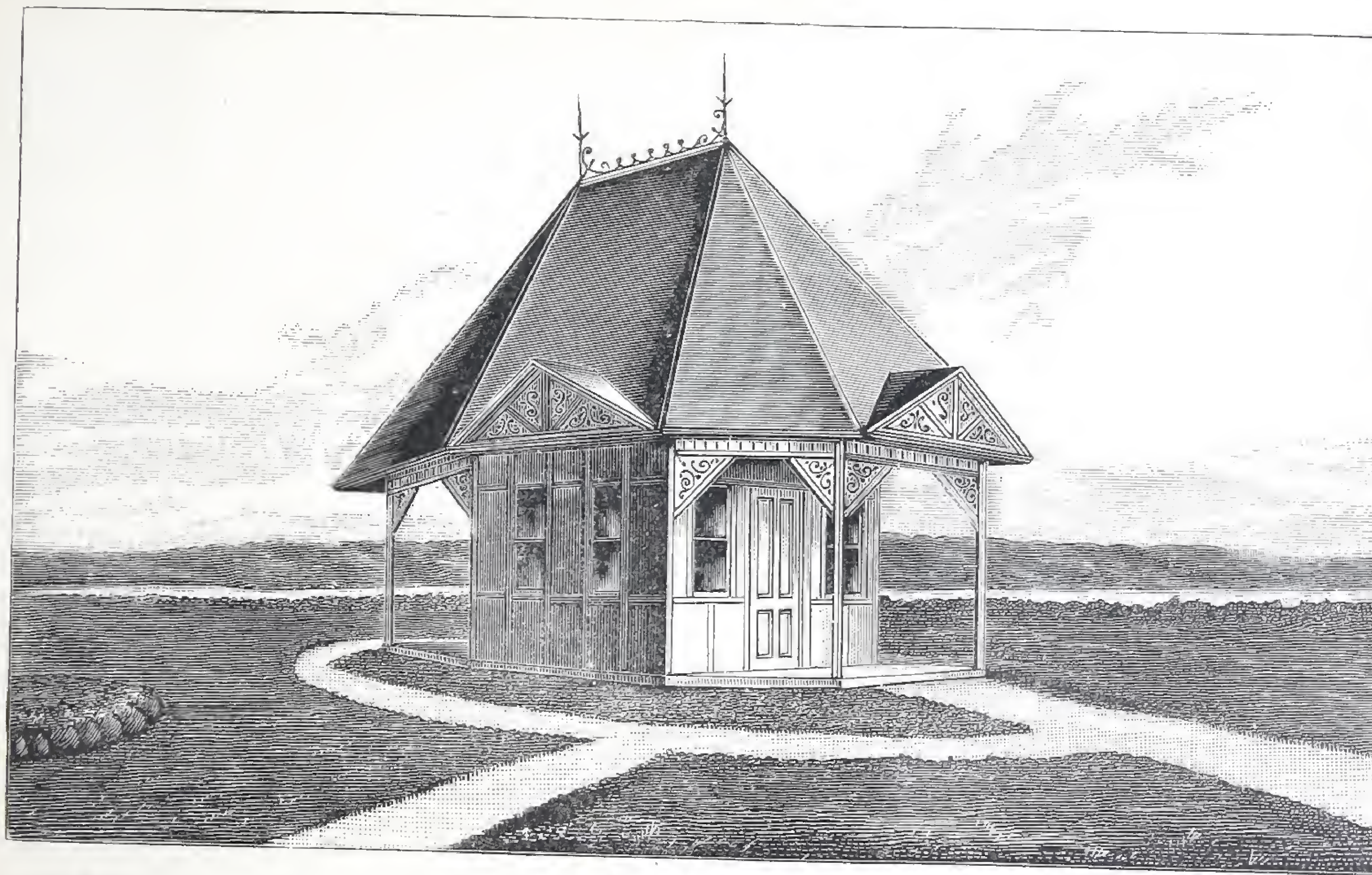
Price, \$475 and upward.



Cut No. 9.

LAWN PAVILION.

Size, 16x20 feet. Weight, 2,800 pounds. Price, \$500 and upward.



Cut No. 10

LAWN PAVILION

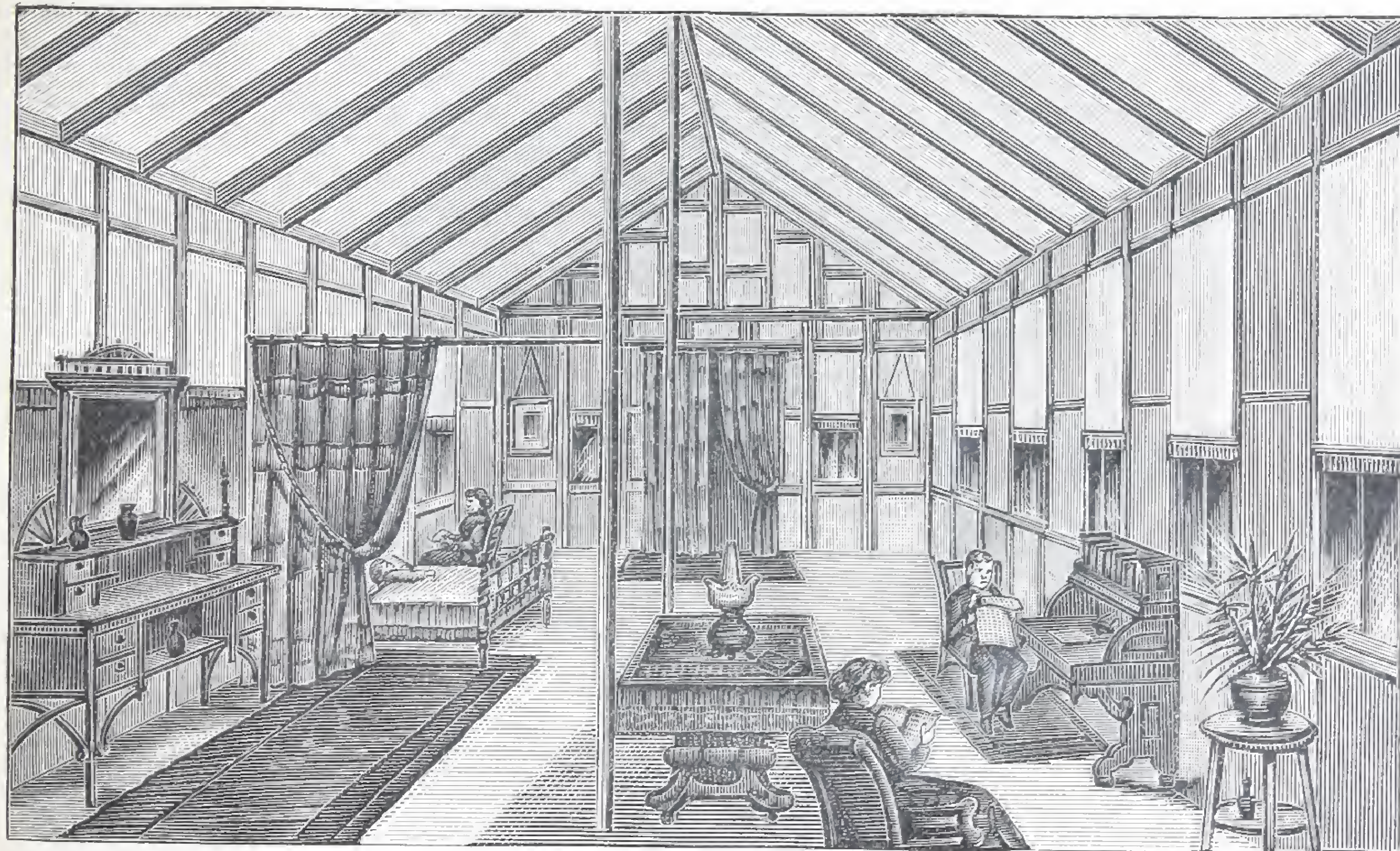
Size, 16x18 feet.

Weight, 2,450 pounds.

Price, \$525 and upward.

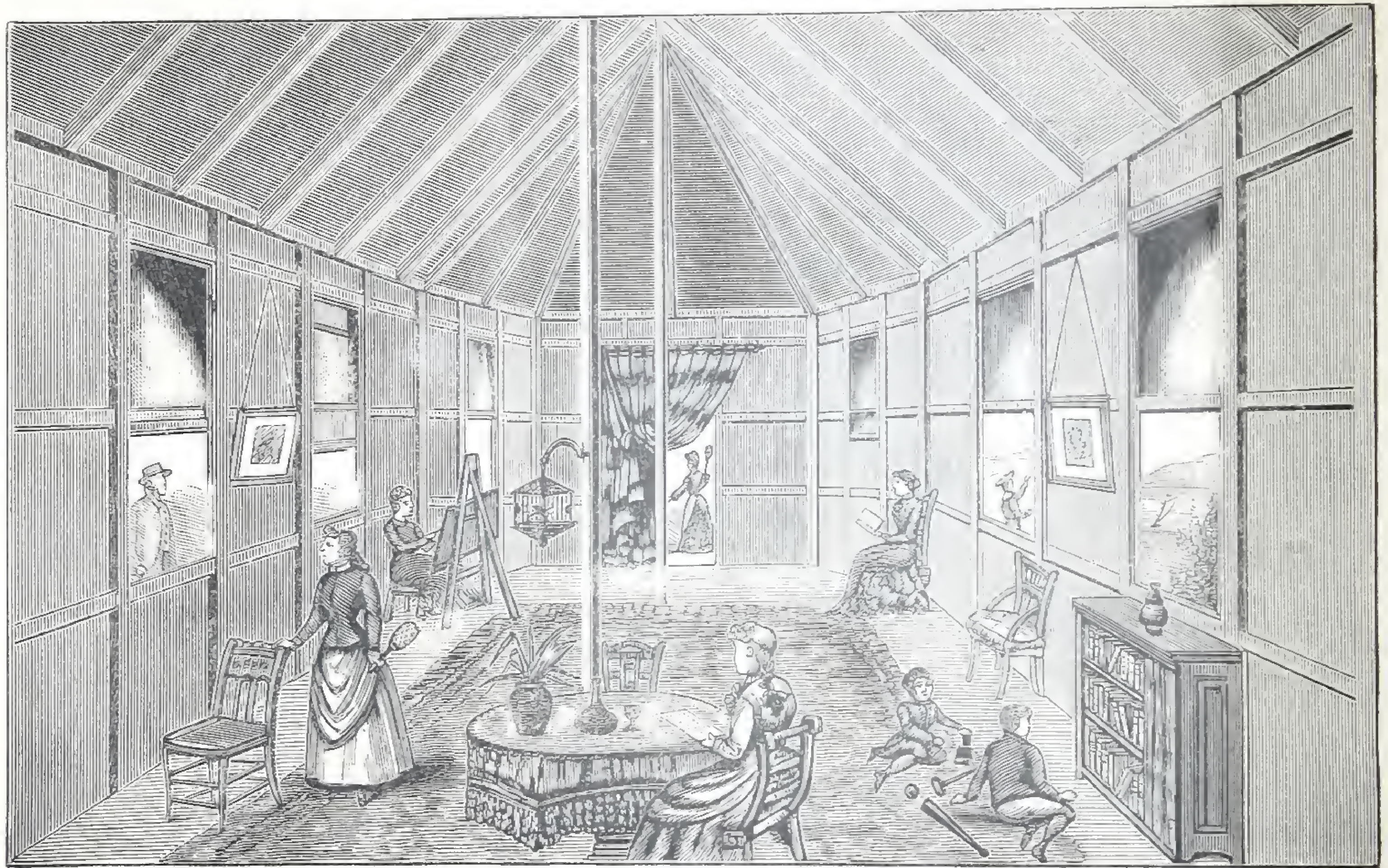
SUMMER COTTAGE AND LAWN PAVILION.

Cuts Nos. 11 and 12, interior of Summer Cottage and Lawn Pavilion.



Cut No. II.

INTERIOR SUMMER COTTAGE.



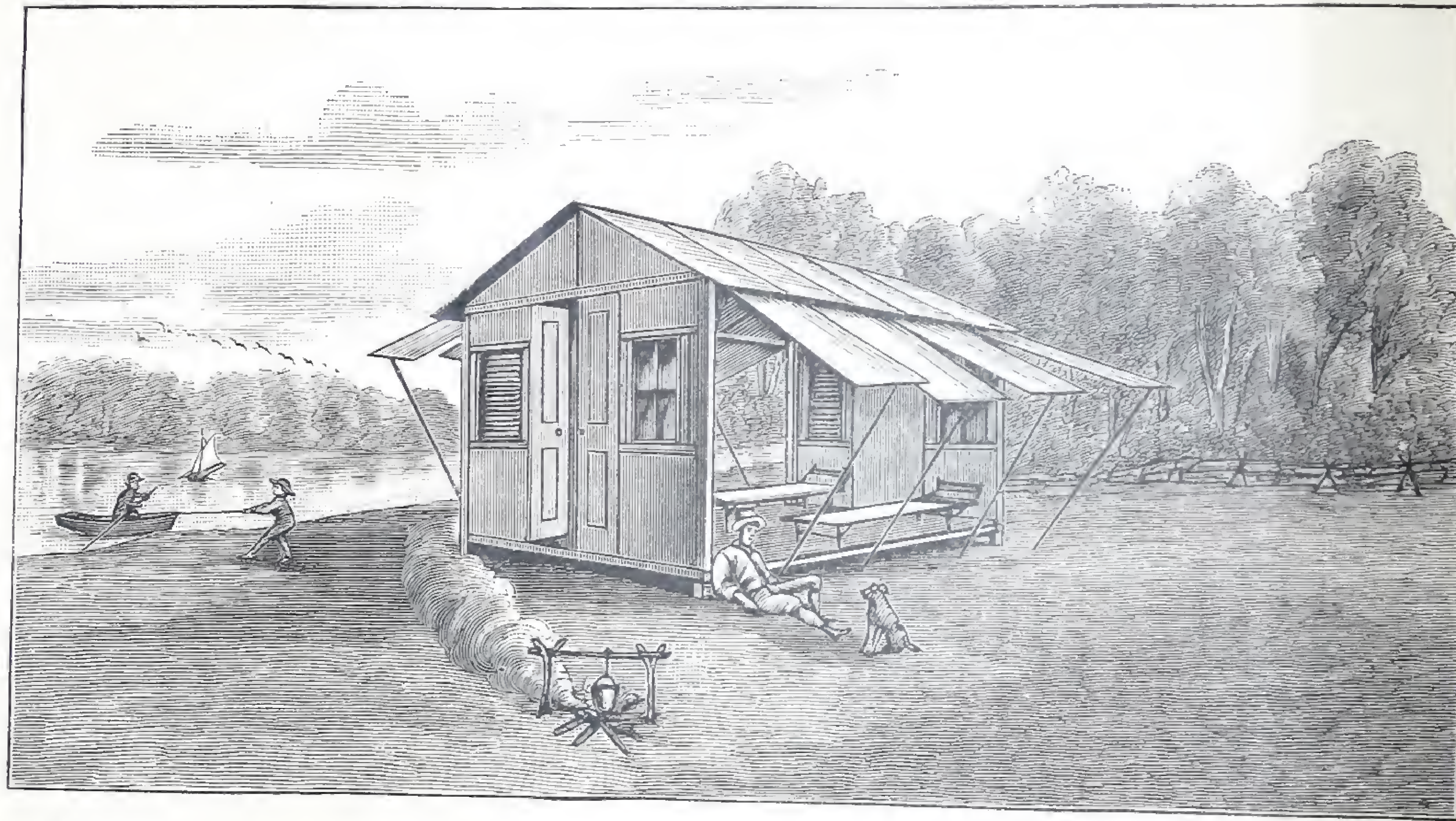
Cut No. 12.

INTERIOR OF LAWN PAVILION.

A CAMPING HOUSE

Cut No. 13, a Camping House. This building will comfortably accommodate four persons. It opens out on all sides, and can be left so during the heat of the day, and securely closed at night. Its weight, of about 450 pounds, renders it extremely desirable for the use of campers during the summer.

Sheep and cattle ranchmen, miners, prospectors, surveyors, contractors, in fact everyone engaged in a business requiring a strong, light, portable building will find this house just the thing they want.



Cut No. 13.

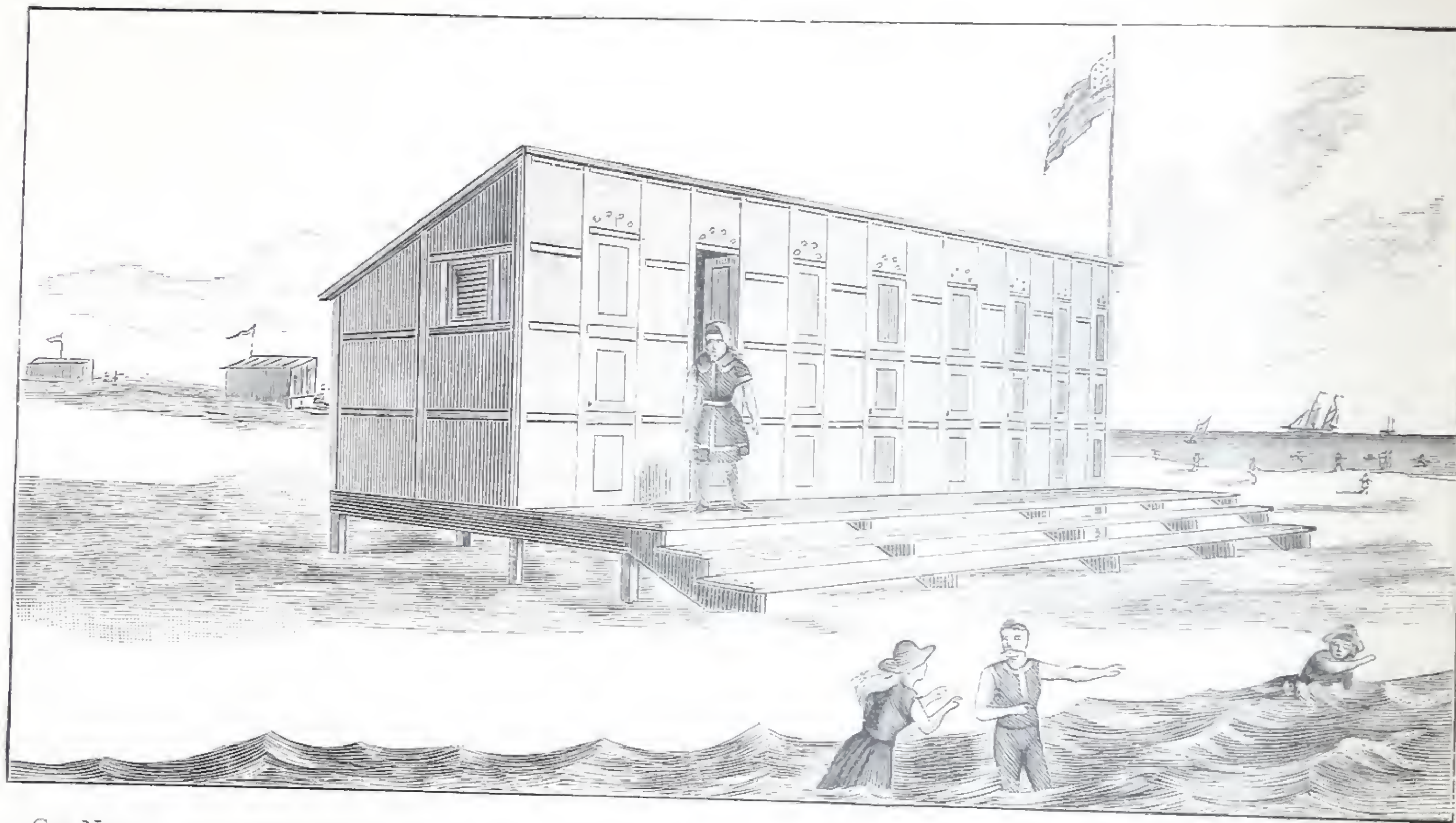
NORTON CAMP HOUSE.

Size, 9x12 feet. Weight, 450 pounds. Price, \$150 and upward.

A BATHING HOUSE.

Cut No. 14, a Bathing House. The portability of these buildings make them simply invaluable for the purpose stated.

At the end of the season they can be taken down and stored until the opening of another season. They can be constructed in any form or style desired, and can be made to comfortably accommodate more people than any other building known.



Cut No. 14.

BATHING HOUSE.

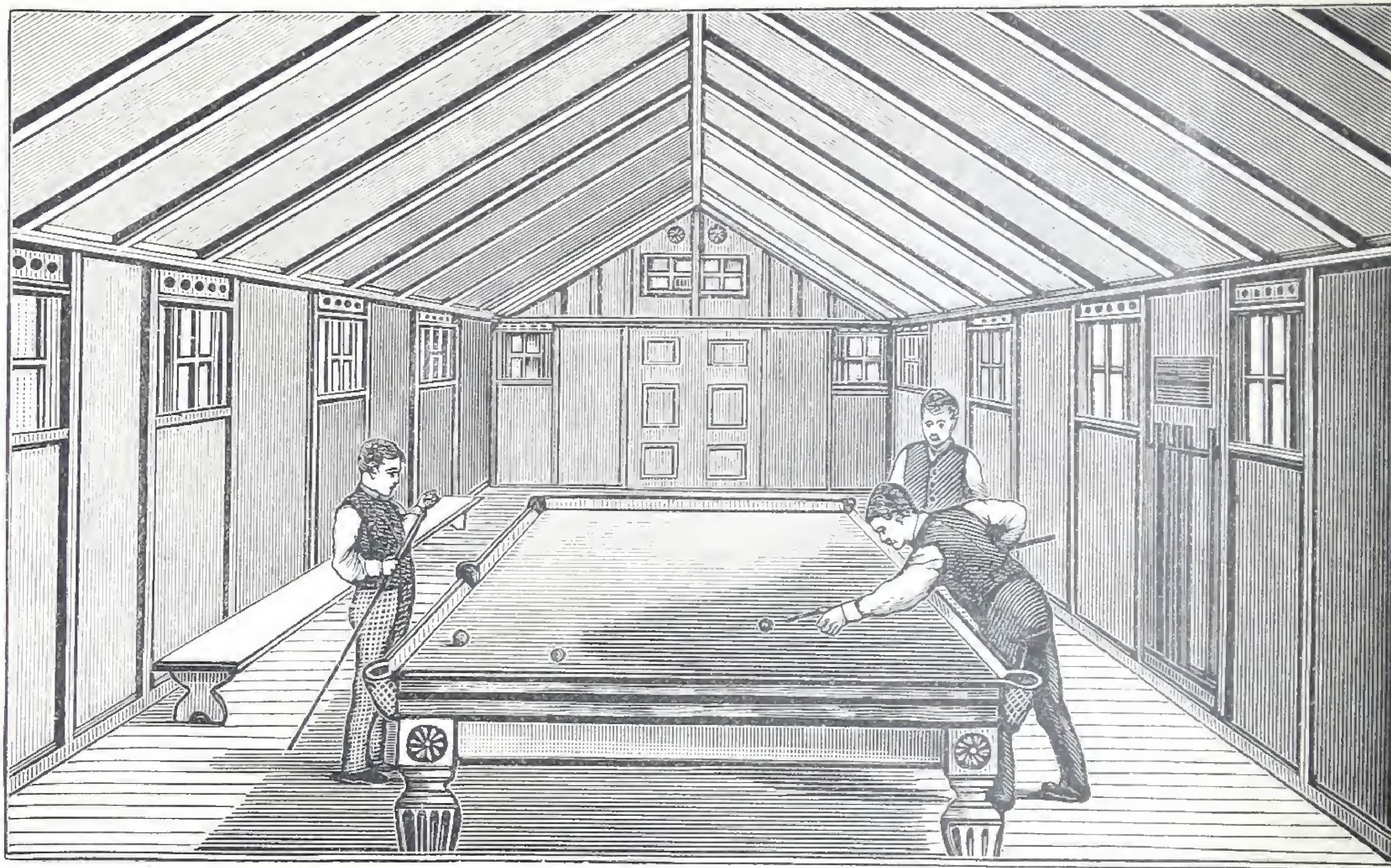
Size, 6x36 feet. Weight, 3,250 pounds. Price, \$300 and upward.

BILLIARD ROOM, PHOTOGRAPHER'S STUDIO, BOWLING ALLEY AND BOAT HOUSE.

Cuts Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18, representing the interiors of a Billiard Room, Photographer's Studio, Bowling Alley and Boat House.

These pictures tell the whole story, and it seems unnecessary to add that for these purposes this building is unequaled.

The attention of hotel men is called to the fact that for annexes to hotels, to be used for sleeping apartments during the rush of midsummer, these buildings just exactly answer the purpose.



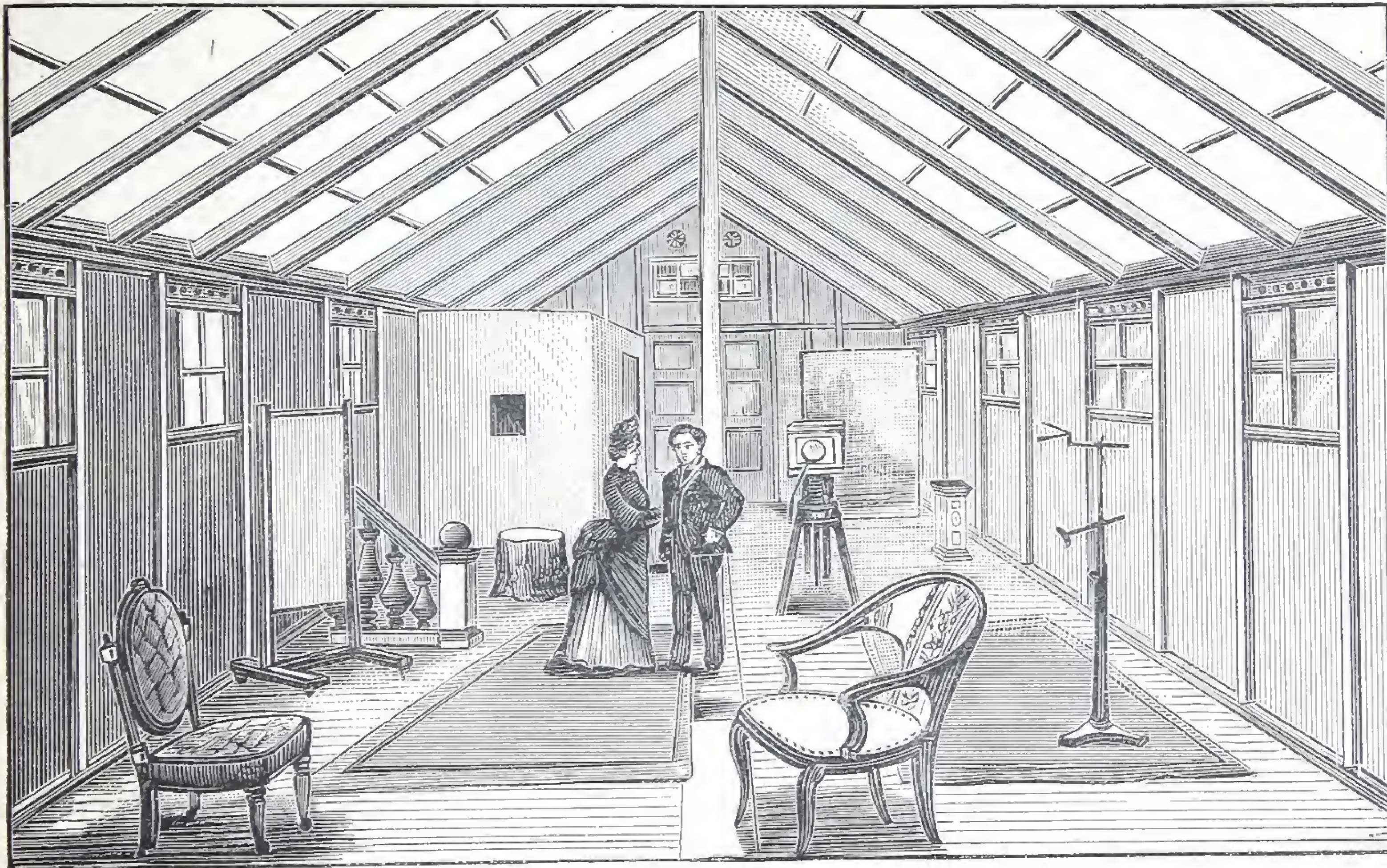
Cut No. 15.

BILLIARD ROOM.

Size, 18x22 feet.

Weight, 2,500 pounds.

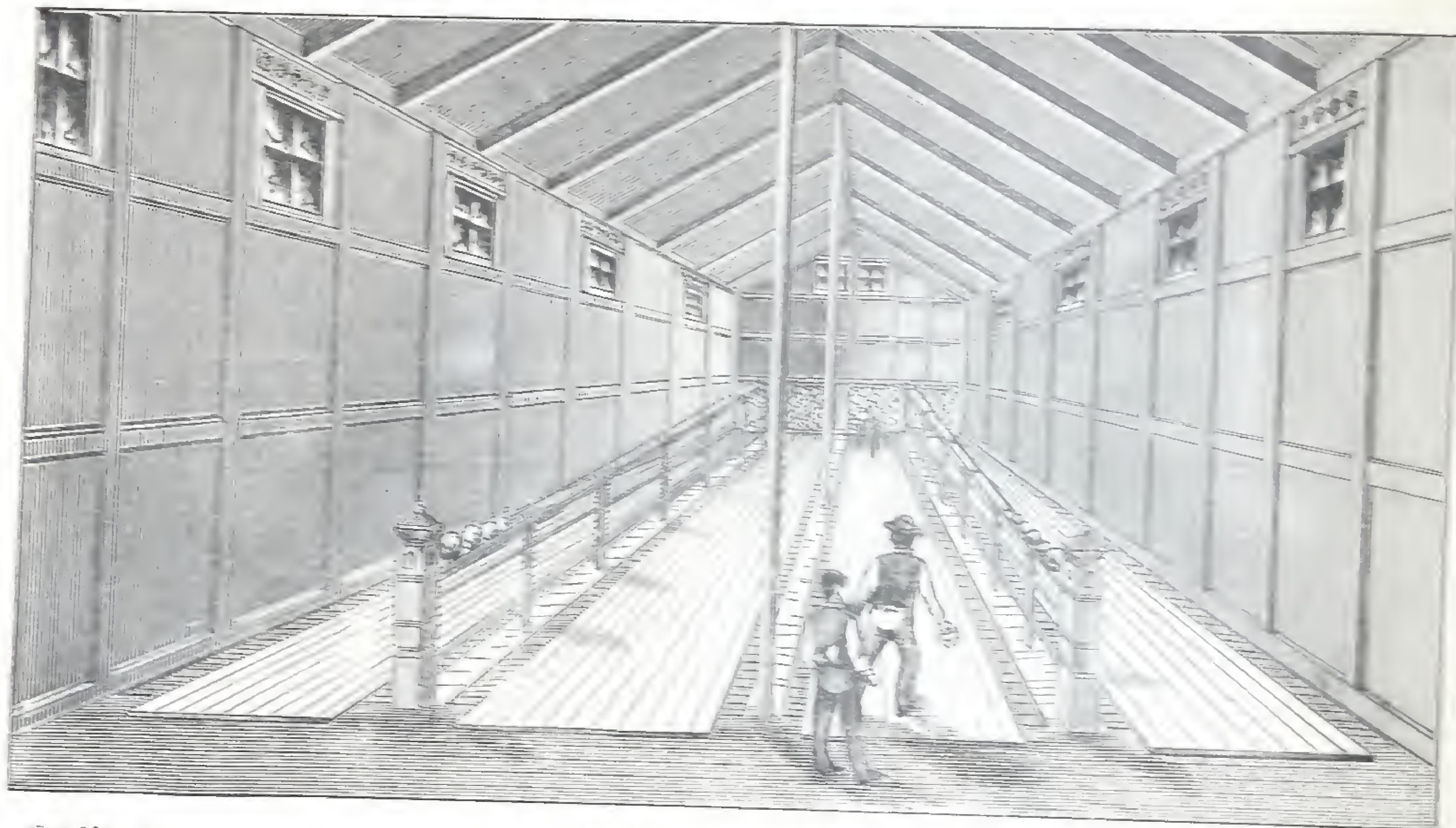
Price, \$400 and upward.



Cut No. 16.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S STUDIO.

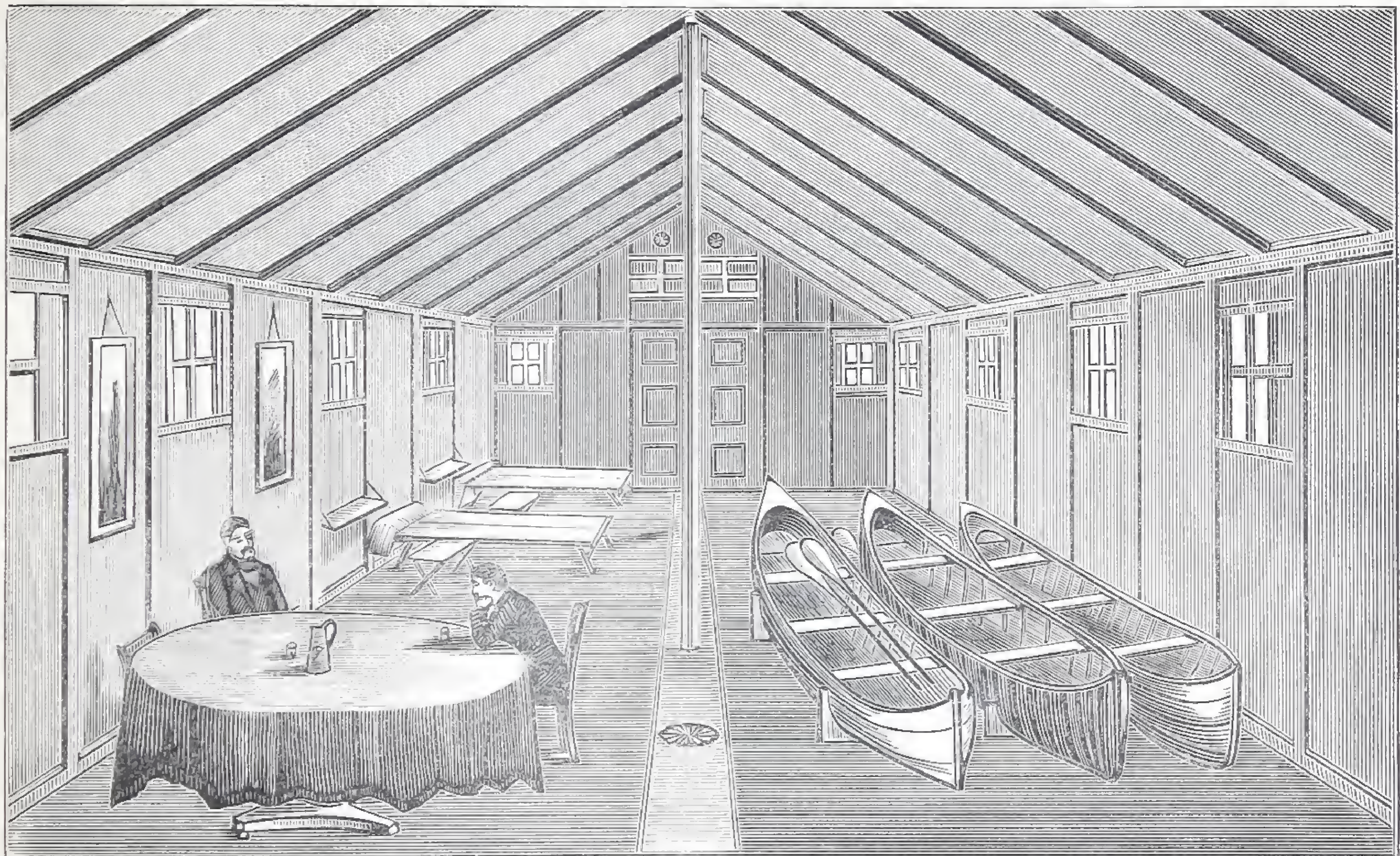
Size, 18x22 feet. Weight, 2,300 pounds. Price, \$375 and upward.



Cut No. 11.

BOWLING ALLEY.

Size, 22x70 feet. Weight, 17,000 pounds. Price \$1,500 and upward.



Cut No. 18.

BOAT HOUSE.

Size, 18x32 feet.

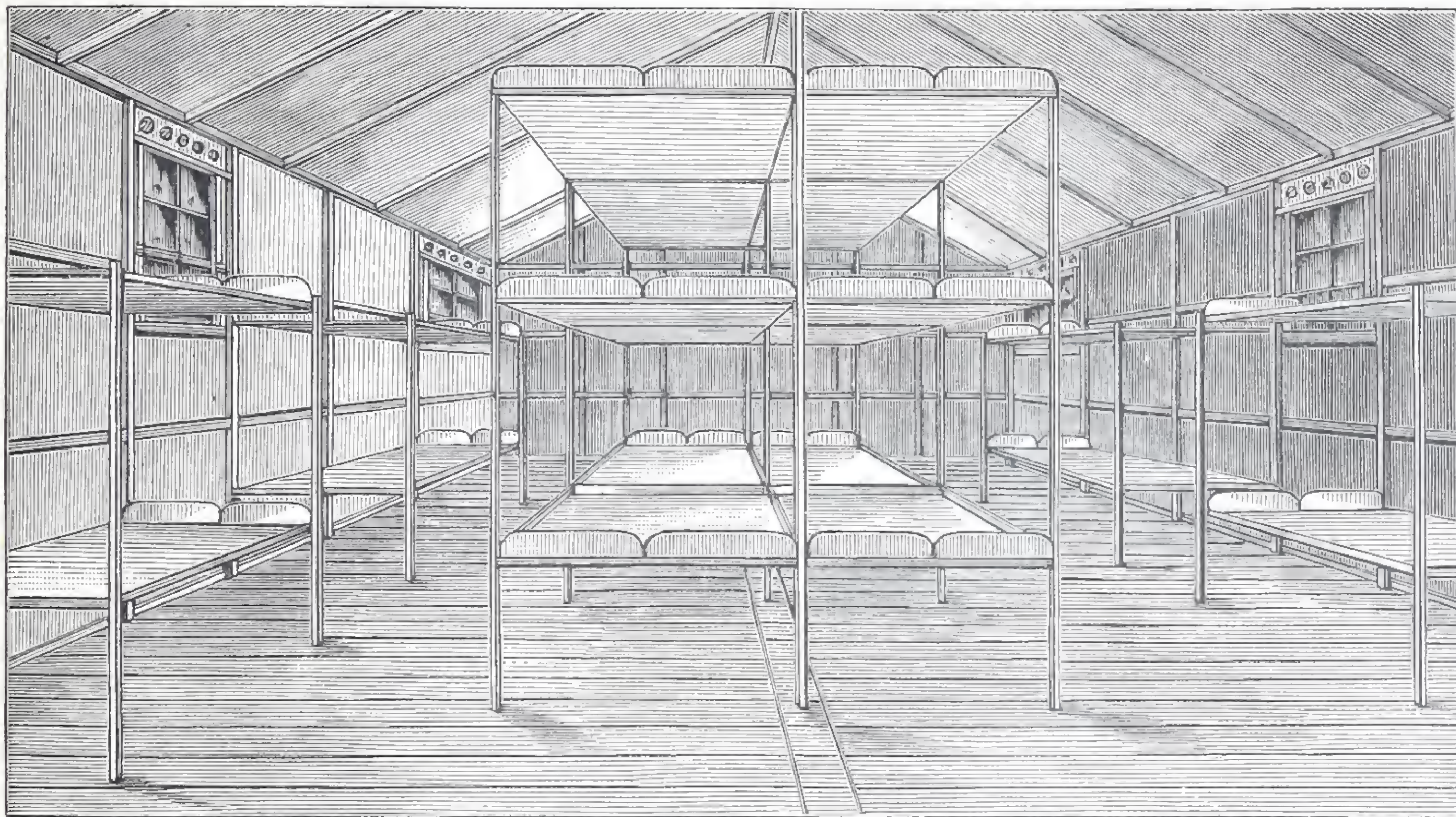
Weight, 4,000 pounds.

Price, \$550 and upward.

CONTRACTORS' BUILDING.

Cuts Nos. 19 and 20 represent a building for the use of contractors and companies employing large numbers of men. It is strong, compact and durable, readily heated and perfectly ventilated, and can be put up in one-half day. The beds fold up in sections, leaving the entire space vacant on both sides, so that meals can be served. This building gives greater sleeping accommodations per square foot than any other building of its kind in the world; and in localities where building material is scarce and expensive, its value for the purpose intended is simply beyond calculation.

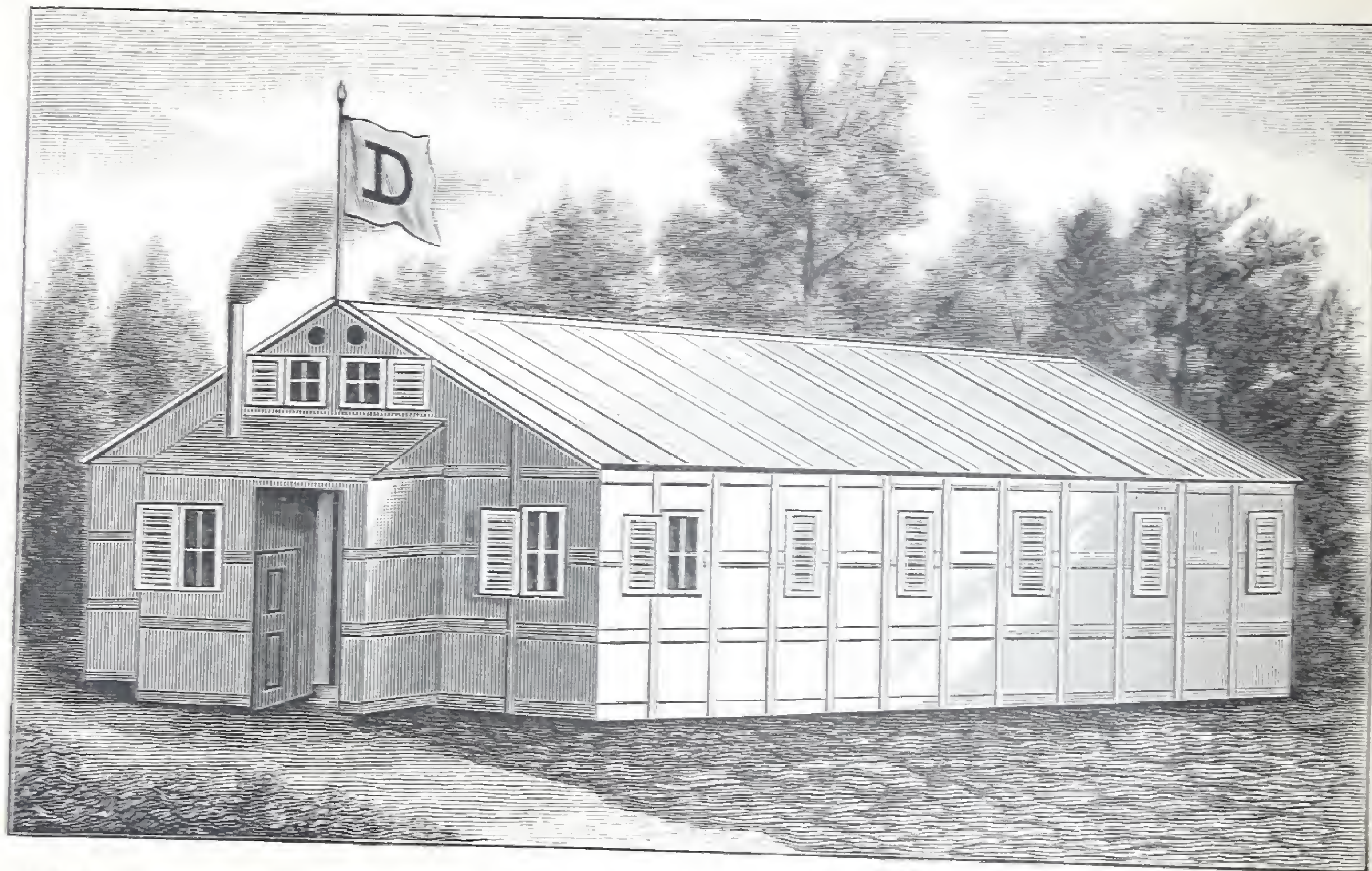
It is easily handled and transported, and will last ten years with fair treatment.



Cut No. 19.

CONTRACTORS' BUILDING (INTERIOR).

Size, 30x30 feet. Weight, 8,000 pounds. Price, \$1,250 and upward.



Cut No. 20.

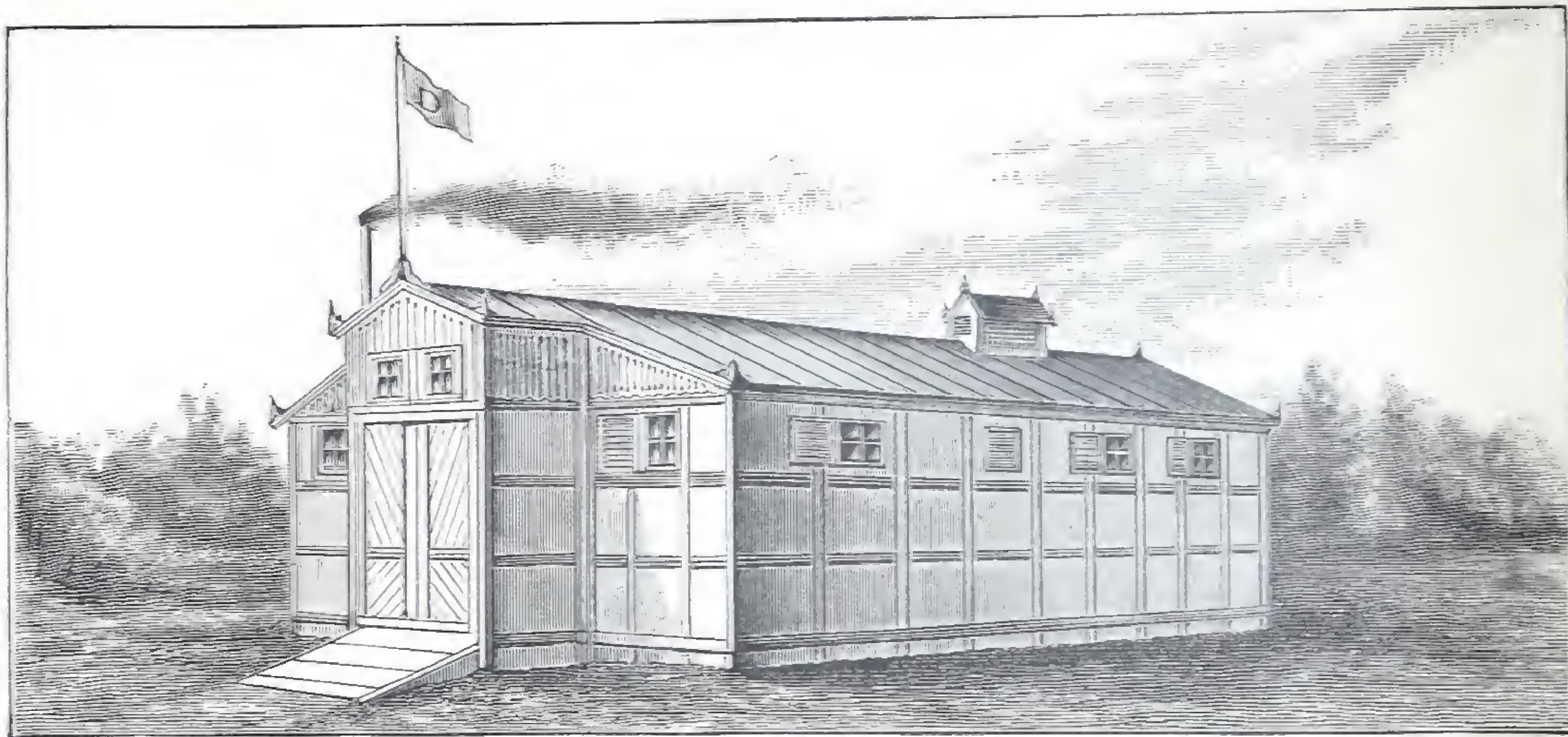
CONTRACTORS' BUILDING.

A RACING STABLE.

Cuts Nos. 21 and 22 represent the exterior and interior of a portable Racing Stable. This building will be found almost indispensable for the purpose for which it is intended. It is easily handled and transported from point to point, and may be constructed to accommodate any number of men and horses.

The ventilation of this building is simply perfect, and can be readily heated if necessary.

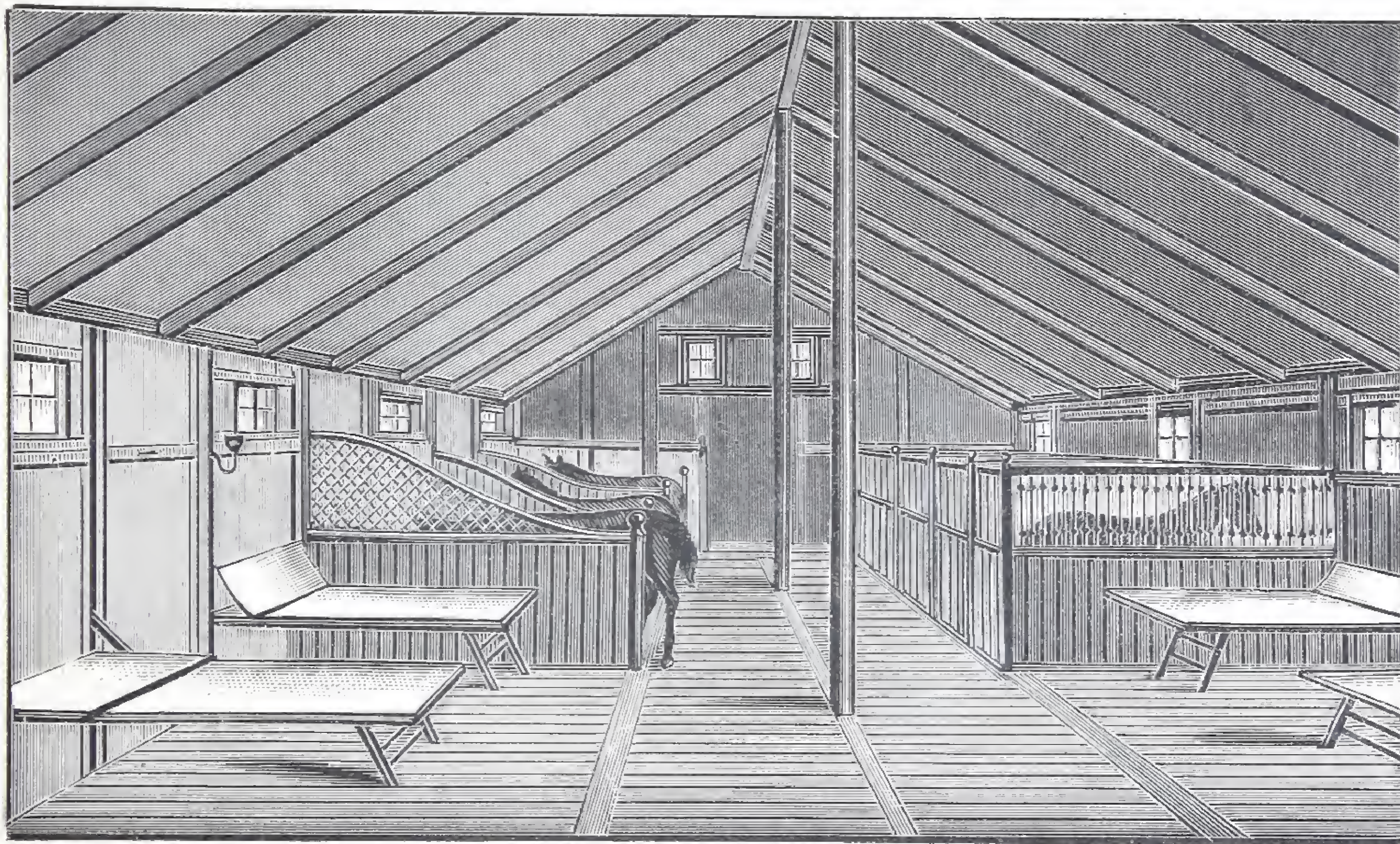
Special plans and estimates made on application.



Cut No. 21,

RACING STABLE.

Size, 26x30 feet. Weight, 6,250 pounds. Price, \$950 and upward.



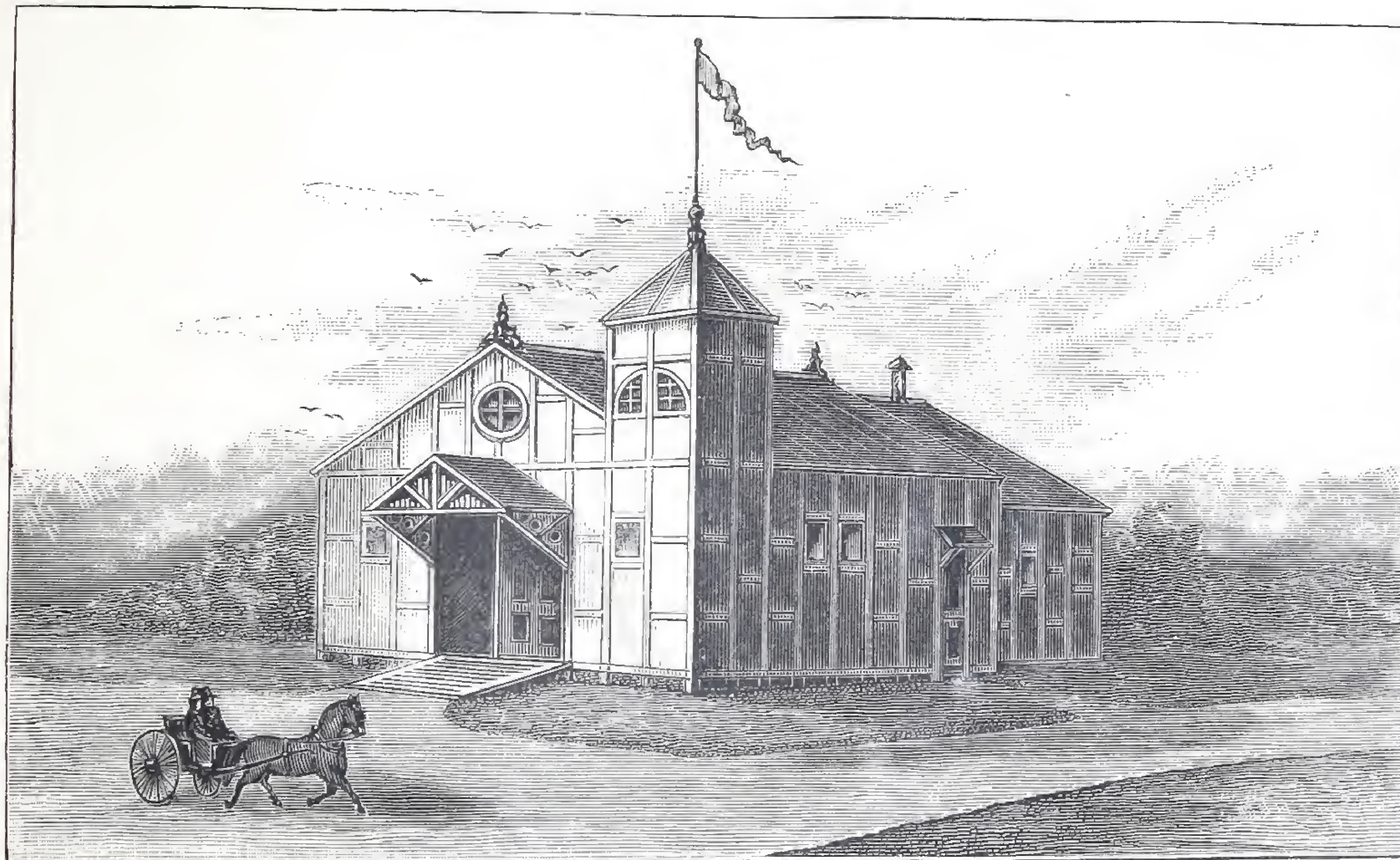
Cut No. 22.

RACING STABLE (INTERIOR.)



CARRIAGE HOUSE AND STABLE.

Cut No. 23, Carriage House and Stable. This building will be found very useful for people leaving town for the summer, in localities where carriage and stable accommodations are scarce and inconvenient; or it may be used as a permanent structure. Its interior arrangement can be made most complete and convenient. These buildings are constructed in a strong and durable manner, and as ornamental as desired.



Cut No. 23.

CARRIAGE HOUSE AND STABLE.

Size, Main Building, 30x26 feet.

Size, Extension, 12x16 feet.

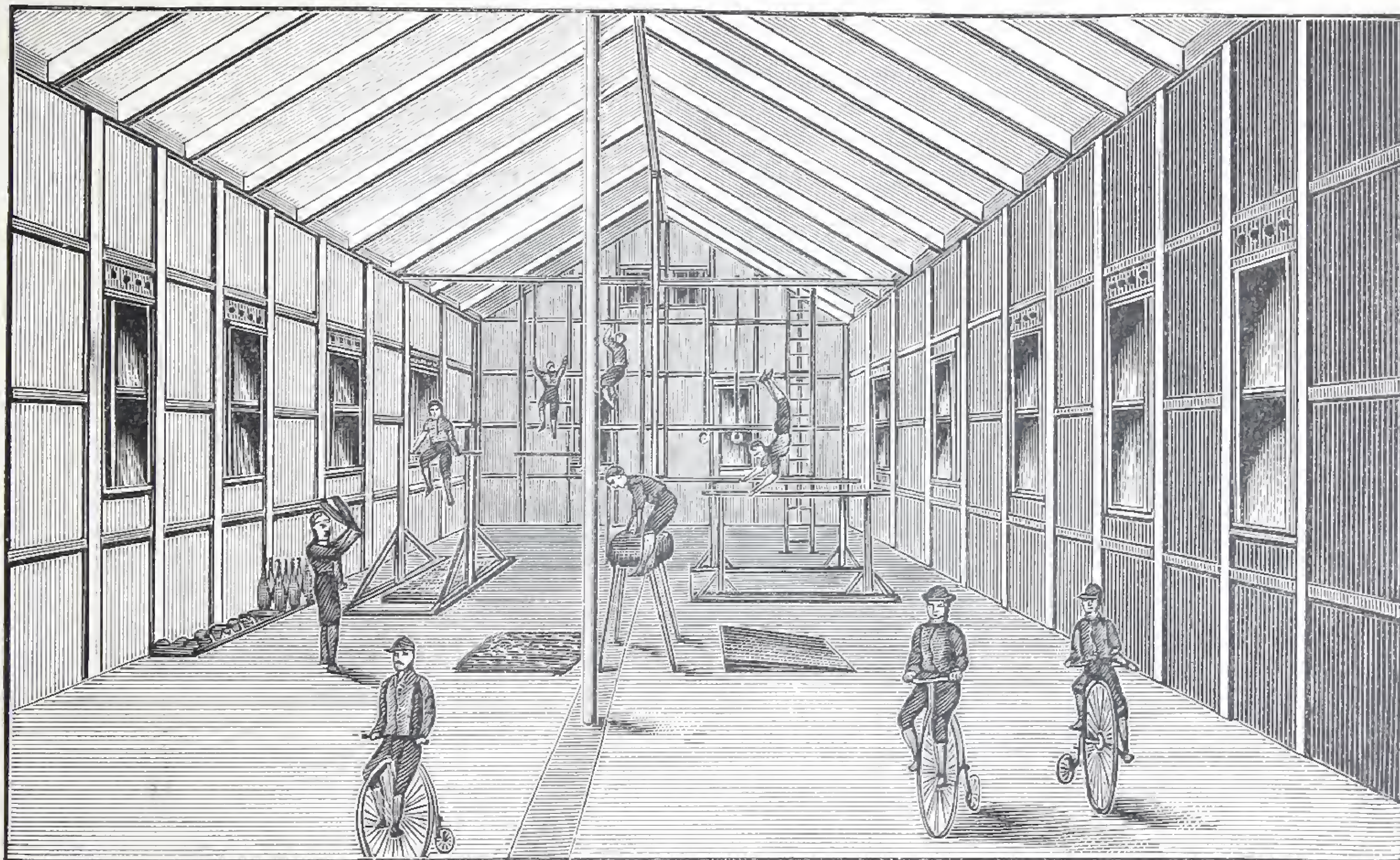
Weight, 9,250 pounds.

Price, \$1,250 and upward.



ATHLETIC AND BICYCLE HALL.

Cut No. 24, Athletic and Bicycle Hall. This building, while easily transportable, is put up and taken down with great dispatch. It possesses all the advantages of a permanent structure, and can be made in any form or of any dimensions required.



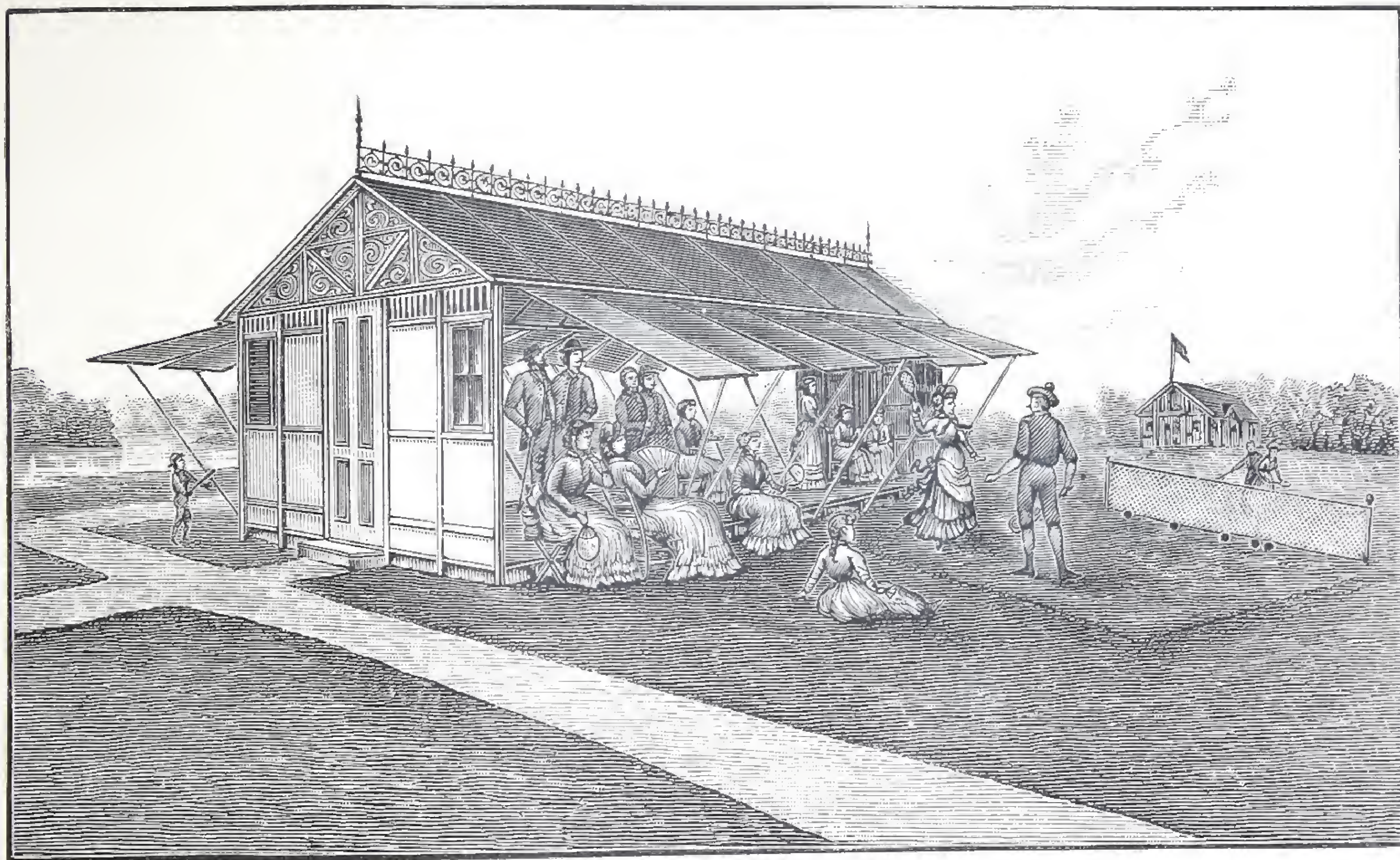
Cut No. 24.

ATHLETIC AND BICYCLE HALL.

Size, 22x70 feet. Weight, 14,500 pounds. Price, \$1,250.

LAWN TENNIS PAVILION.

Cut No. 25, Lawn Tennis Pavilion. This building is especially designed for the use and comfort of tennis players. Its peculiar construction furnishes a delightfully cool and pleasant protection from the sun for spectators as well as for players when a game is in progress, and can be securely closed at other times, holding all of the paraphernalia and appurtenances.



Cut No. 25.

LAWN TENNIS PAVILION.

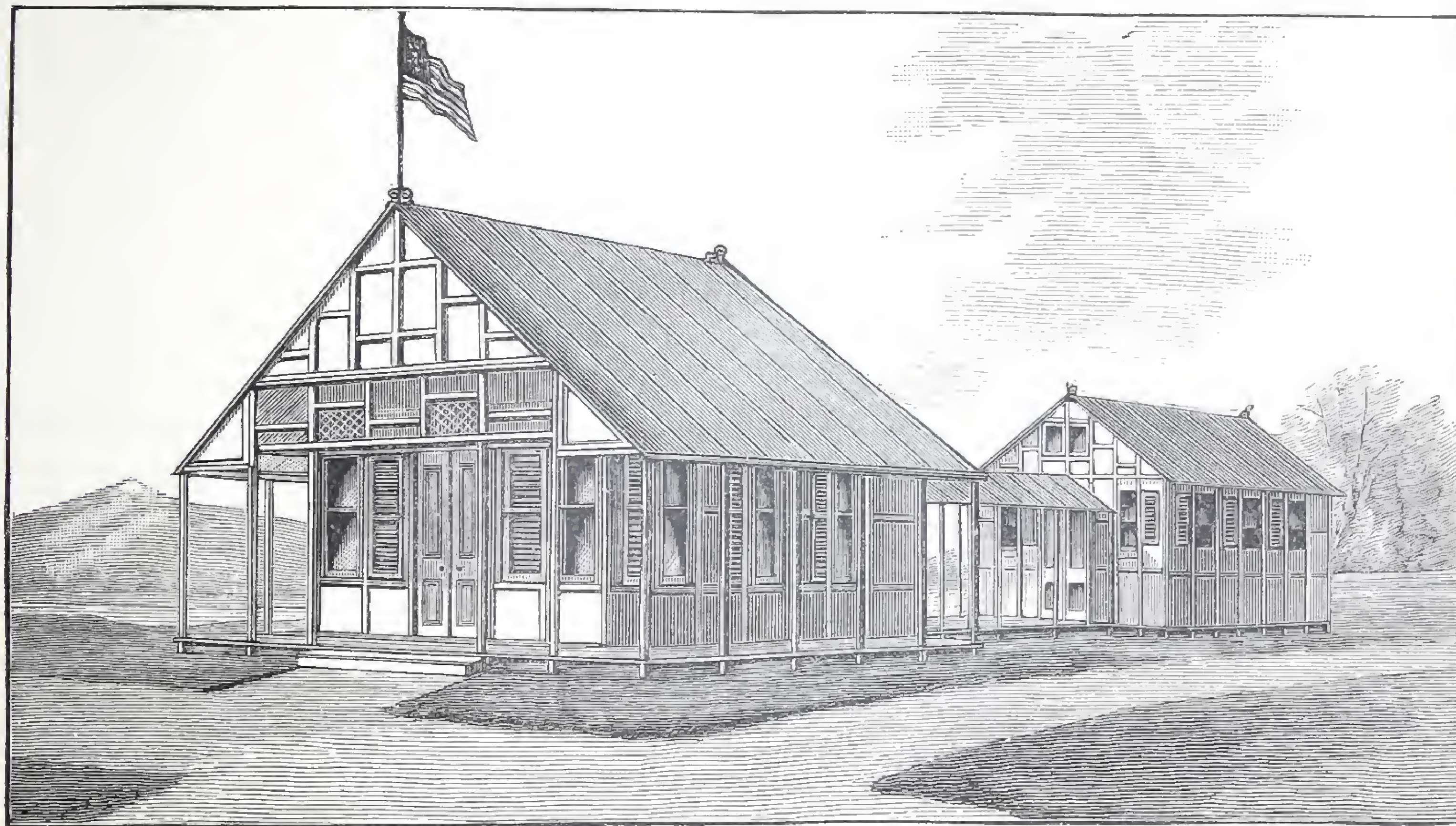
Size, 14x20 feet. Weight, 700 pounds. Price, \$300 and upward.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Cut No. 26, Administration Building for Contractors and Construction Companies, or for private residence.

Size of main building, 16 feet x 30 feet; kitchen and store-room, 12 feet x 16 feet; covered passageway, 6 feet x 12 feet; front veranda, 6 feet wide; side veranda, 4 feet wide; sides of building, 8 feet 6 inches high; and in hot climates, a lattice opening of 12 inches entirely around the main building, just under the eaves.

Partitions may be placed where required at small additional cost.



Cut No. 26.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

For Contractors and Construction Companies or Private Residences. Price, \$1,000 and upward.

DUCKER PORTABLE HOSPITAL.

CUTS NOS. 27 AND 28.

THE subject of Portable, Isolated and Field Hospitals, Hospitals for small towns and villages, and Annexes to permanent establishments, is one that has interested army officers, civil and military surgeons, hygienic boards and philanthropists for many years.

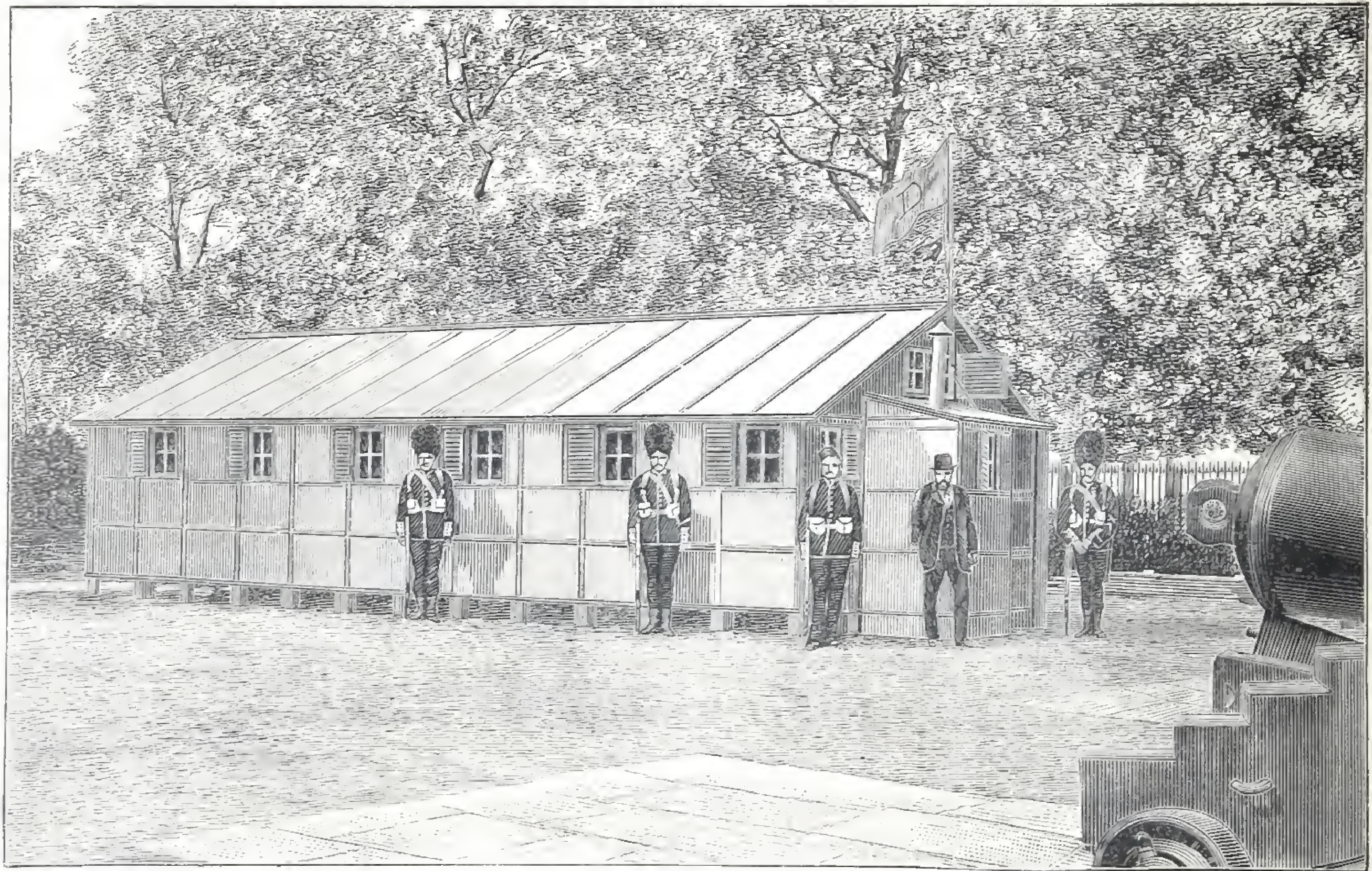
Under the auspices of the Red Cross Society, an exhibition was held at Antwerp, in September, 1885, of Buildings especially adapted for the above purposes; and from the number exhibited (upwards of seventy) the one invented and patented by Mr. WILLIAM M. DUCKER, of Brooklyn, New York, U. S. A., came the nearest to filling all the specifications of the Society. It received a *Special Medal*, offered by Her Majesty the Empress of Germany, and the warmest encomiums from civil and military surgeons, engineers, architects and philanthropists from all parts of the civilized world. The report of the "Conseil Supérieur d'Hygiène Publique, par M. le Docteur E. Janssens, au nom d'Une Commission composée de MM. Crocy, Beyaert, Leclerc, Vlemincky et Janssens," to the Minister of the Interior and Instruction of Belgium, after having carefully examined all the Barracks exhibited, says: "We

find the American Barrack System Ducker comes the nearest to *Solving the Problem of Portable Hospitals*, and we recommend that every Commune in Belgium should have one."

A Commission appointed by the Minister of War for France, to examine this and other Portable Buildings, have decided in favor of the Ducker Portable Building. The German War Department offered prizes this year for plans for the best Portable Barrack. They received upwards of 300; they excluded foreigners. They made no awards for the plans received, but bought a building exhibited by the Ducker Company. No other Portable Building invented up to the present day has received the endorsement from all over Europe and America that this has. Wherever it has been exhibited in the United States it has been adopted, and is now in use in the United States Naval and Marine Hospital Service; it has also been adopted by the Departments of Charities and Correction in several of the most important cities of this country. In Germany, France and Belgium it has most emphatically *condemned all other* Portable Buildings wherever it has come in contact with them.

The English Government have adopted the system, and are now using these buildings at the Wellington Barracks in London.

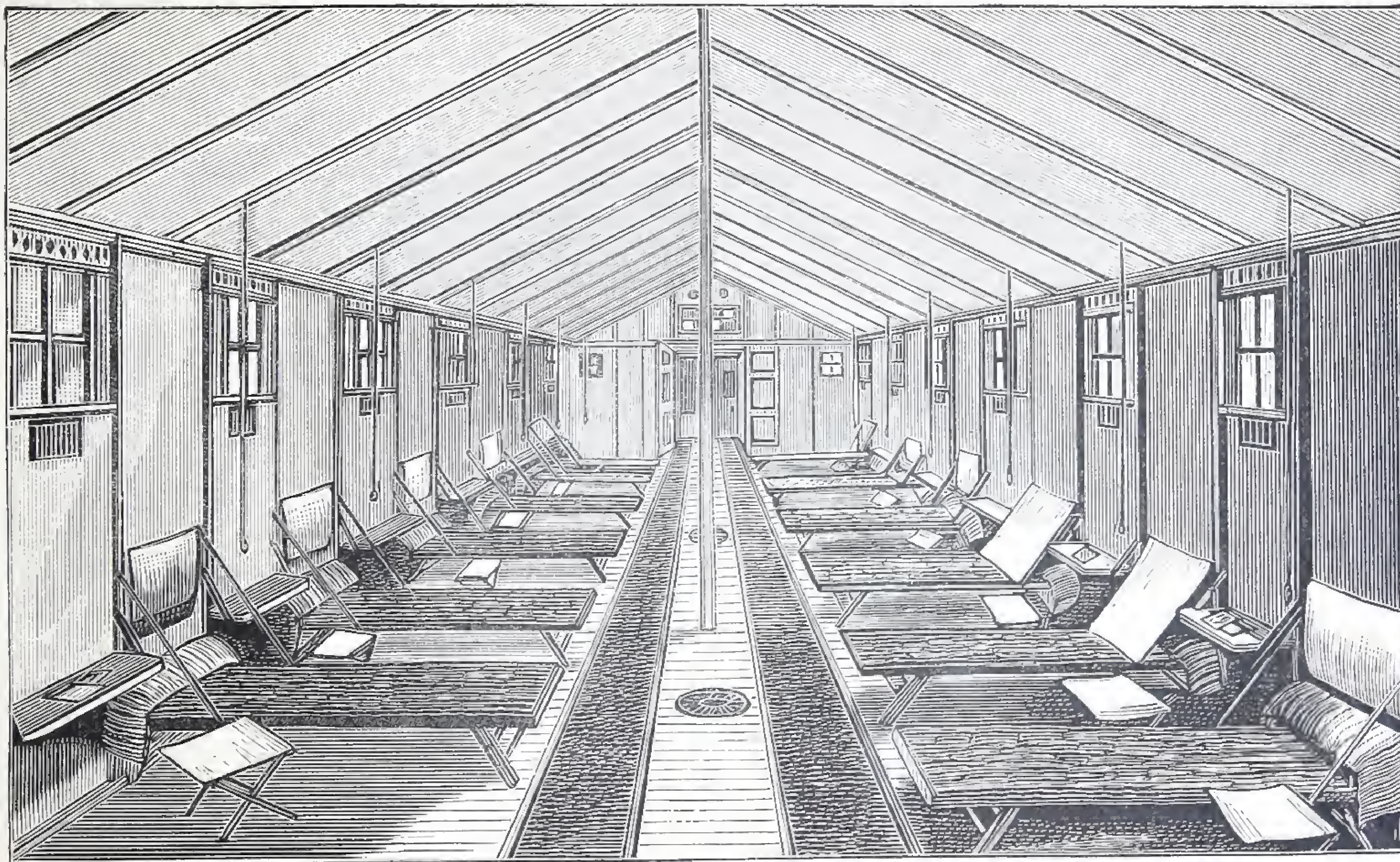
These buildings combine most of the comforts and advantages of a permanent structure, with the qualities of **Simplicity, Stability, Lightness, Ease of Transportation, Quickness of Putting up and Taking down, Ventilation, Heating, Facility of Cleansing and Disinfecting.**



Cut No. 27.

DUCKER PORTABLE HOSPITAL,
At Wellington Barracks, London, England.

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Cut No. 28.

INTERIOR OF PORTABLE HOSPITAL.

Size, 18x34 feet. Weight, 3,900 pounds. Price, \$600.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE MANY TESTIMONIALS:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, }
RANDALL'S ISLAND HOSPITAL, }
NEW YORK, May 12, 1887. }

DUCKER PORTABLE HOUSE CO.

Gentlemen: Your favor of 11th inst. at hand. In reply thereto beg to state that a short time ago we had a virulent case of small-pox quarantined in the "Ducker Portable House" erected by you on this island. Since the removal of the patient a thorough course of disinfection and fumigation, with the destruction by fire of such clothing and bedding as safety demanded, was had; the floor and walls washed with disinfectants, and the whole of the building rendered as sweet and wholesome as when first erected. The ease and facility with which this can be done is one among the many excellences of the building.

From the trial we have had of this portable building I am constrained to add my quota to the praise bestowed upon it by others. To say that it fulfills all expectations would be putting it mildly. In cold weather it is readily and easily warmed, and kept so. In warm weather this condition is reversed, but can be graduated to suit required conditions of temperature. Ventilation is perfect, and the lighting ample for all purposes required.

There can be no dissentient opinion as to the worth of this building as an auxiliary quarantine to our hospital. The ease with which it can be put up and taken down, washed, cleaned and fumigated, recommends it as without a peer, and patients can be kept as comfortable in it through all grades of temperature as can be obtained in the best appointed hospital.

Very respectfully.

JAMES R. HEALEY, *Medical Superintendent.*

BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE, BLACKPOOL, }
7th August, 1888. }

Gentlemen:

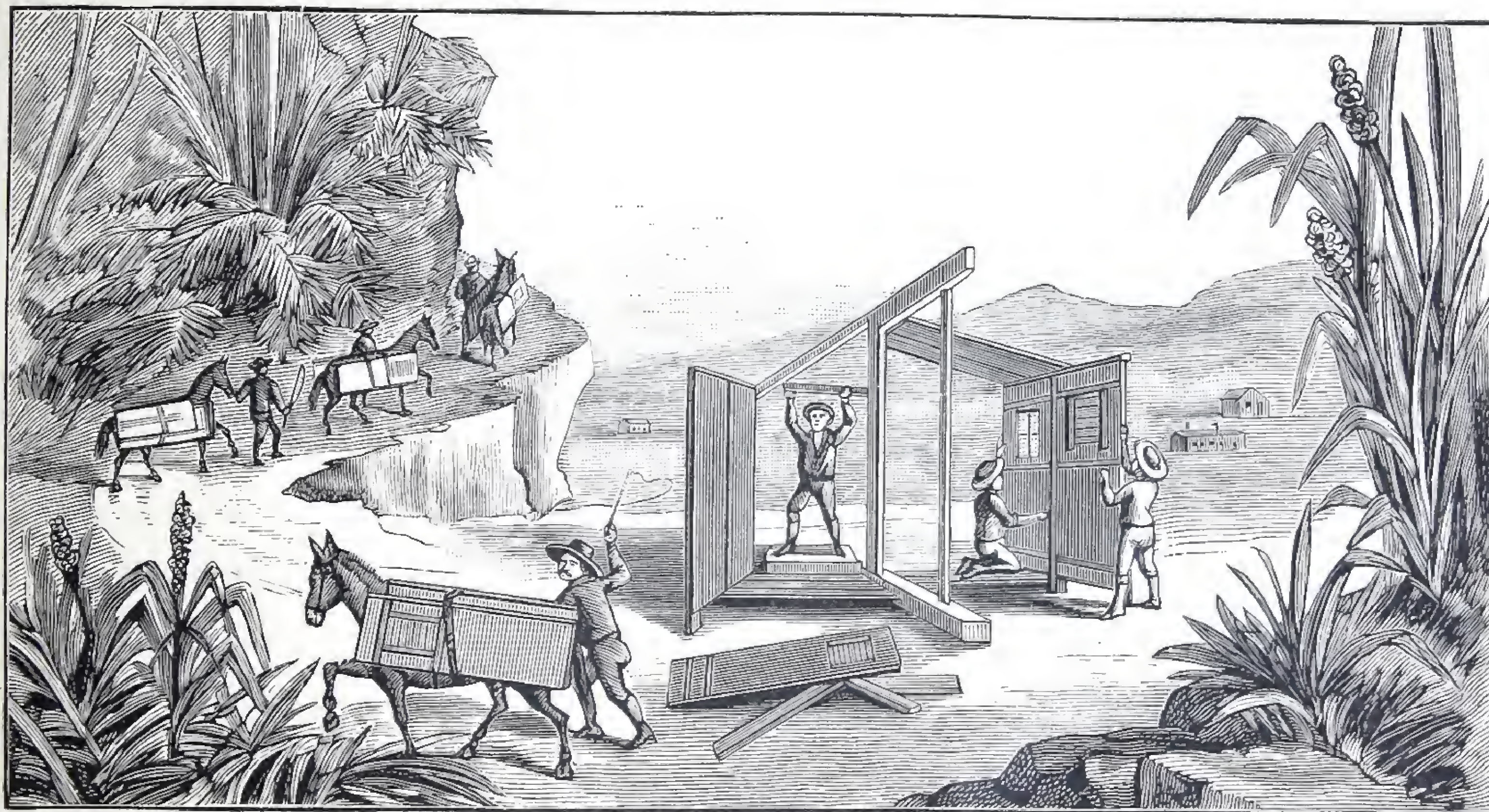
The small portable hospital building which you recently erected here gives great satisfaction, and answers its purposes admirably. I am,

Yours faithfully,

HENRY WELSH, M. D. *Medical Officer of Health.*

To the Ducker Portable House Co., Limited.

NEW YORK AND LONDON.



Cut No. 29 MODE OF TRANSPORTING DUCKER BUILDING IN MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRIES.

Wellfield, Strathmiglo, Fife, 21st July, 1888.

DUCKER PORTABLE HOUSE CO., Limited,

Nos. 30 and 31 St. Swithin's Lane, London, England.

GENTLEMEN:

The **DUCKER HOUSE** has proved a great success. No country house should be without one, it is so useful in many ways. In wet weather the children quite live in it, and play all day. I have gymnastic apparatus put up in it, swings, etc; the consequence is a quiet house, whilst the children are enjoying healthy exercise and games to their heart's content, where they disturb no one, and their tea-parties in the Ducker House are enjoyed by all.

As a painting-room it is also much appreciated, and the ladies spend much of their time in it during the hot, bright days, reading, painting, etc.

We have had much wet and stormy weather, but the house is as dry as a bone—not a drop of water has come in anywhere. It was put up in one day by the village joiner and my gamekeeper.

I find the Ducker House even more useful than I expected. Every one is delighted with it.

Yours very truly,

THE MASTER OF THE LINLITHGOW AND STIRLINGSHIRE HOUNDS.